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CHAPTER I.

NOTICE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

SEVERAL friends have agreed together to spend a certain time daily in prayer for the conversion of sinners, and they are anxious to increase the blessings which may thus be secured by obtaining the co-operation of others.

The present Manual has been printed as an invitation to all who may be able and willing, that they may take part in the endeavour. It is proposed that persons, on becoming members of the Association, should *promise to spend at least a quarter of an hour daily in prayer for the unconverted.*

The Secretary will be glad to receive the Names of any who like to join, and to communicate with them further upon matters of detail.

Most persons can give a quarter of an hour if they will try. To some, however—especially amongst the labouring classes—this length of intellectual effort may be too great. Those clergy

by whom this Association has been formed do not wish to shut out such persons from joining it: quite otherwise. *If a single Collect daily is all that can be managed*, by all means *let us have the help of that Collect, said heartily.* It will rest with each clergyman, according to his judgment, to determine whether the amount should be relaxed for any person who expresses to him a wish to join.

To meet as far as possible the requirements of every one, the original promoters of the Association have agreed to offer three terms of union:—

1. Those who wish to consider themselves as full Associates will make this promise to some Clergyman or to the Secretary *that they will spend at least one-quarter of an hour daily in prayer for the conversion of all those who neglect God's grace.* This quarter of an hour may be one unbroken period of prayer, or may be made up of three periods, of five minutes each, at different times in the day.

2. If any think they cannot manage so much as this—whether through having much business, or being little used to prolonged prayer—they may become associated with the others in a minor degree, by promising *that they will spend five minutes daily in prayer for the same object.*

3. The lowest degree of the Association will be open to all who promise *that they will say daily the prayer contained on page 62 of this Manual.*

Any who are already in the habit of spending much more time in intercessory prayer than that which is here proposed may of course join the

Association, in order to obtain the blessing which attaches to united prayer. "*If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven.*" (Matt. xviii. 19.) If they spend a quarter of an hour daily in prayer for the conversion of sinners, they are already satisfying the requirements; and the promise made by them, when their names are enrolled, would *not* be understood to imply that they would *add* a quarter of an hour to their devotions. They may certainly expect to derive a special gain from such an union with others, and it will give them renewed fixity of purpose when they pray, and this will lead to greater regularity of method in prayer. The spiritual strength, also, which God vouchsafes to all who act upon the faith of His promises—as we do when we *agree together in what we ask*—will probably lead even those who are in the habit of much prayer to pray with more earnestness than before. This will draw them to longer prayers. The better we pray, the more we shall pray; the more we pray, the more shall we know the value of prayer; the more we know the value of prayer, the more we shall desire to pray.

Some who spend much time in prayer will yet think that a quarter of an hour is too large a portion of their prayer-time to be given to the object which this Association contemplates. O, let them consider what a blessed object it is which we have before us—the conversion of sinners!—whether those "*whose sins go before to judgment,*" open profligates, or those who live

moral and respectable lives in the judgment of the world, but yet *neglect the grace of God*. It is an object so great that it includes almost all others. All the evils which afflict the Church, whether from within or from without, would be healed, if every individual were converted to God. The conversion of one soul to God involves consequences which affect not that soul only, but many others also. It is impossible to say what the effect of one sincere conversion to God may be, as hastening the time when the number of God's elect shall be made complete.

Certainly, the soul which prays for the conversion of others will not be any loser by praying for others rather than for self alone.

The truth is, the more we pray for others, the more we shall pray for ourselves. Praying for others, instead of hindering us in prayer for ourselves, will lead us to pray the more for ourselves. We may perhaps learn, by praying for others, what is meant by prayer, and what its value is, and how to practise it; and if we have learned the meaning, the value, and the work of prayer, we shall try and put it in force for ourselves. Many often dream over their own religious condition, and fancy they are praying. It is when we pray for ourselves with the same definiteness as we should pray for an object external to ourselves that we are really praying. Intercessions for others will teach us to pray for ourselves.

Besides this, the very act of prayer for others must bring many blessings on ourselves. Prayer is the highest expression of that charity which is "twice blest," which "blesseth him that

gives and him that takes." The promise of God is sure to all who pray for others. "*He that watereth shall be watered also himself.*" (Prov. ii. 25.)

It is one thing to feel annoyance at the faults of others and to criticise them in conversation. It is quite another thing to fall secretly before God and ask His forgiveness for the sins we know, and His grace that those we know may be brought to serve Him more truly. We shall leave off being censorious in conversation if we are earnest in intercession. Here is a very evident blessing which comes immediately to ourselves from the practice of prayer for the unconverted. What sin is so common as the sin of finding fault with others? When you are tempted to find fault and complain of them, be silent and pray for them.

This observation will meet a difficulty which some persons may feel—viz., that there is a kind of self-righteousness in praying for the conversion of others. Very often it is a mere wicked, blinded self-righteousness which makes us loud in denouncing other persons' sins, faults, or mistakes. We try, perhaps, to make ourselves seem the better to ourselves by the idea of seeing so accurately where another person is wrong. We shall not keep our pride if we come before God. When we kneel, as it were, alongside of our brother in the light of God's presence, we shall see our own faults at least as clearly as his. If we pray really for him, we shall desire that he may attain the Divine standard of holiness—not the puny standard of our own imagination. When we have once realized this in our hearts, we shall

find what a puny standard of holiness our own is. If our standard is puny, how much more our practice? Pray for the conversion of others, and at length you will feel yourself the greatest of sinners

But there is another class of persons—those who scarcely say any prayers at all. Doubtless there are many to whom a quarter of an hour will seem a very long time to spend in private prayer. For the sake of those persons, the blessings of this Association are opened on what may seem easier conditions. This is not done without an earnest hope that they will before long be led on to be full Associates.

If we feel the importance of conversion to God, we shall feel the blessedness of communion with God. Oh! if it is a blessed privilege and a means of Almighty power to speak to God, how is it possible that any can be contented with just hurrying over a little prayer before getting into bed? People pray so little because they do not believe in prayer; and they do not believe in prayer, because they do not pray for the right things. "*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.*" (Matt. vi. 33.)

We have the gifts of God's kingdom within our reach. What we should pray for, in the first place, is this, that we may all have our hearts individually drawn to value those gifts; that is, we should pray for the conversion of all, in proportion as their hearts need severally to be converted and made perfect in their conformity to God's will. This is a prayer which will bring its

own answer, in leading every one who makes it to spend more time in prayer. If you ask God to reveal Himself to those who need, He will reveal Himself in your own heart; and if He has revealed Himself there, you cannot leave His presence unnoticed. If you see God by faith, you will pray to Him with love. "*Faith worketh by love.*" (Gal. v. 6.)

Prayer for a quarter of an hour seems a great undertaking to those who do not know the power of prayer; but the more you know your heavenly Father as a God Who heareth and answereth prayer, the more you will wish to pray.

Suggestions will be given in the fifth chapter of this Manual as to the manner in which the time may be spent in mental prayer for the purposes of the Association. Try and act upon those suggestions, so as to make a real effort of prayer. Prayer is not an easy, idle thing. It is a serious effort. Even if you only promise to pray for five minutes, *try and pray* for a longer time, in the consciousness of the blessing which may thus be obtained. Even if you only promise to say the daily Collect, *try and say* it several times every day; for instance, morning, noon, and evening, or before each meal, or when you hear the clock strike, or whenever you see any one in an act of sin.

In all religious undertakings it is well to do something more than we have promised, that is, to do something out of an unmeasured, overflowing love.

If you feel any doubts respecting the best mode of fulfilling your promise, it will be well for you

to ask the advice of the clergyman to whom you make the promise, or any suitable guide. Some modes of prayer may be suited for some persons, and others for others. The object to be striven after in prayer is just simply the elevation of the soul to God; speak to Him in the name of Christ, as to a Father full of love. The object of our Association is that all may be brought to love Him.

While all are agreed to pray together, each person will, of course, choose whatever mode of prayer he feels most profitable to himself. Each one should pray for those whom he most fully knows, and loves, and cares for. Knowledge of danger and need must excite a deeper interest, and kindle warmer devotion, than mere abstract considerations or general forms. If the fire of love is once kindled it will spread. If we pray well for one, we shall pray better for all. Our agreement is to pray—to pray for those who need. Let us pray each one for all, as far as we know their need, that God may bless them in return; not as we know their need, but as He knows it. Only let us bring before God, as fervently and as fully as we can, those wants of society which we see and feel ourselves. All wants are but parts of one great want—the want of love to God. Sinners will be converted when they love God perfectly, when their will and God's will are one. In proportion as we are so converted, earth will become heaven. Whatever wants any one may feel, let him try and see that a more perfect conversion to God is the way of supplying them. If we see much evil in the

world round about us, let us pray for it, and so we shall not faint because of it. Each one can best tell for himself in what way the evil and misery of the world most painfully come before him. So let him pray. In this way he will probably pray most, and pray most fervently, as desiring with his whole soul what he asks for. Love will be stimulated by the thought of particular need, and faith by the consciousness of union with others in the general intention. All will know that they are sharing in the promise vouchsafed to such as agree together to ask anything in Christ's name. Certainly we can ask nothing else more accordant with God's will than the conversion of sinners, and of all who forget God and are quenching His Spirit.

Every one who joins the Association will do what he finds best to kindle within himself an affectionate desire for the conversion of souls. The consciousness of union according to Christ's promise will bring with it an increase of faith. The promise to do the work of the Association along with others will lead to its being done more systematically. How many people feel they might gain much by prayer, yet never pray for more than a few moments! The time fixed is not a long one. People often waste as much, even in the busiest lives, in idle talk. Two persons who pray together in separate rooms are more profited than two who talk together at random in one. Every Associate should feel that he is thus daily meeting with his fellowmen before our common Father. If he is not praying heartily, he is not meeting with them.

This will help him to remember, that if he is not praying heartily, he is mocking God.

Each one will, of course, bear in mind, as has been hinted above, that he is not only praying for a change of heart on behalf of those who neglect God altogether, but that others are included in this prayer; for all persons need a more perfect conversion of the whole being to the love of God's holy will. No one, therefore, will fail to include himself and all members of the Association in his prayer, and all will feel in return that they are sharing in the prayers of the brethren.

Reflect upon some of the advantages which are likely to follow from thus joining with Christian brethren in this prayer:—the support of sympathy which results from combination;—definiteness of mental application, aided by having a fixed time, during the continuance of which all are pledged to intercede for one common object;—increase of grace to ourselves, in consequence of the love for others which God gives;—increased sense of God's holiness, from which we all are gone astray; and of God's love in restoring us, and of the value of the souls of our brethren ready to perish, and of our own;—a livelier interest in the conversion of those round about us;—a fuller sense of the obligation of intercessory prayer; as well as more regularity and completeness in the practice of this duty;—and, consequently, a larger outpouring of God's gifts in answer to our petitions. We know how great and unspeakable, and even beyond thought, are the many

blessings which God will give to those who diligently seek Him. "*Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.*" (S. James v. 19, 20.)

CHAPTER II.

ON THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER.

THE distinguishing attribute of the Church of Christ should be love. The love of God is her source. The love of Christ is her law. The Holy Spirit of love is her strength. "*In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God* (the Father) *sent His Only-Begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.*" (1 S. John, iv. 9.) "*Hereby perceive we the love of God* (the Son), *because He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*" (1 S. John iii. 16. "*Beloved let us love one another, for* (the Holy Spirit of) *love is of God*, (proceeding from the Father and the Son,) *and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.*" (1 S. John iv. 7.) Our spiritual life, therefore, is entirely dependent upon our identification with the energy of Divine love. If this Divine love is not working within us, we must die. "*He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love.*" (1 S. John iv. 8.) This accordingly was evident to the very heathen in the days of the early Church. "Behold, how these Christians love one another!" was the involuntary acknowledgment of the world. What is it which weakens

us in these latter days, if it is not the decay of love? There is much zeal for restoration. There is much human energy on behalf of divine things. There is much party-spirit. But it surely cannot be said that there is much love.

Love is one, and love is twofold.

It is *one*, for all love comes from one source, which is God,—operates by one energy, which is God,—and is directed to one end, which is God.

Love cannot come from any other source but God, for if any affection does not come from God it must come from self, and whatever motives are supplied by self, must have self in some manner for their end; and where self is, there love cannot be, for love is the sacrifice of self. Self must lose itself in the consciousness of the Divine command, or it cannot fulfil the work of love. "*I come to do Thy will, O my God*," is the exclamation of love, which shows its source.

Again: Love cannot operate by any other power but God. Every created power wearies, dies. Love is stronger than death. "*Love never faileth.*" (1 Cor. xiii. 8.) Love has to be continually encountering difficulties, yet is never disappointed. The energies of the world cannot rise above the world, but love is not satisfied except by rising above the world. The objects of the world are the instruments of love, but have no power to satisfy the demands of love. They who know no higher power than the power of the world cannot have love. The energy of

love is a Divine Presence inworking. "*We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.*" (1 S. John iii. 14.)

Again: Love is directed to one end, which is God. Nothing short of God can satisfy the yearnings of love, which is of God. Love cannot tolerate the distraction of conflicting objects. It must have one object supreme, or it would vacillate; and that object must be equal to itself, or it would be unsatisfied. Love, therefore, which is of God, rests satisfied with no end short of the glory of God.

But while love has this Divine oneness, it has also a *twofold* character; for the glory of God is twofold. The love of God for His own sake seeks its satisfaction in the intrinsic glory of the Divine Being. The love of man, for God's sake, seeks its satisfaction in the extrinsic manifestation of that glory. Man redeemed in Christ is the highest object of creation, *crowned with glory and worship*, and therefore the love of the creature culminates in the love of man, and yet man is not the object of love for his own sake, but because he exhibits by the eminence of his redeemed position the fulness of the Divine glory. God has knit together in one His own glory and the salvation of man; and one act of love on our part comprehends in like manner both God and man. "*If any man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?*" (1 S. John iv. 20.) If we love God, therefore we must love man also; and if we love man as redeemed in Christ, begot-

ten anew unto a lively hope, and so manifesting extrinsically the glory of God, we must love the intrinsic glory of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. "*Whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God* (in the love of His intrinsic perfection): *or whether we be sober, it is for your cause* (as manifesting His manifold wisdom and glory). *For* (in both cases) *the love of Christ* (is that which) *constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that He died for all,* (in order) *that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again.*" (2 Cor. v. 13-15.) "*If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us.*" (1 S. John iv. 12.)

Christian life, therefore, which is a reproduction of Divine love in the heart of man, is a reproduction of that twofold love which God has towards himself: viz., that essential internal love which is the eternal law of His own Being, and that creative external love which moved Him to give being to all things for the manifestation of His glory, and especially to raise man, although he had fallen into sin, to the participation of His own holiness, and to behold His glory. Our love to God is the proper and all-including result of our renewal by the power of His love, but our love to the brethren is a necessary, though subordinate, consequence of that renewal. "*Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.*" (1 S. John iv. 10, 11.)

Love to the brethren follows of necessity from participation in the life of Christ, and while the love of Christ, that love which He claims from us, is the constraining *motive* of this love to the brethren, the love of Christ, that love which He communicates to us, having exhibited it in Himself, is the principle which both gives *power* to love the brethren, and also furnishes the *law* by which this love to the brethren should operate. We could not love one another but for this love of Christ to us. For the gift of the Spirit of love, which is our strength, is a result of His love to us. We can only love one another according to the law of Christ's love to us. For "*He left us an example, that we should follow His steps.*" (1 S. Pet. ii. 21.)

Now the love of Christ is manifested in these **two ways.**

First, "*He suffered for us, leaving us an example*" herein. "*He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*" (S. John iii. 16.) The first act of love is self-sacrifice in union with Christ. "*But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby know we that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.*" (1 S. John iii. 17-20.) If our heart is conscious that we have made no sacrifice in love to the brethren, we have not

taken that first step of love which is necessary to our Christian life.

But the second act of Christ's love to us is the continual act of His intercession for us. "*He ever liveth to make intercession for those who come unto God through Him.*" (Heb. vii. 25.) And if we have joined with Him in the first act, we may claim to join with Him in this also.

"*Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment, That we should believe in the Name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us commandment.*" (1 S. John iii. 21-23.) The commandment of self-sacrificing love leads on, then, to the commandment of intercessory love, with assurance of being heard. "*If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death.*" (1 S. John v. 16.) The work of intercession is the special work of Christian love. It is the work of Christ—the consummation of His work of sacrifice. In this work of intercession He calls upon us to join Him, and assures us of the sufficiency of His sacrifice to make our intercessions efficacious.

We ought, therefore, to reflect much upon the *necessity* of intercessory prayer, as Christian life cannot exist in energy without it; and upon its transcendant *dignity*, as we thereby participate in the very work of Christ upon His mediatorial throne.

By virtue of this participation it is a work full of power. If the power of intercession were more fully realized it would not be so little attended to. How could we weary in intercession, if we had faith? How could we ever feel that too much time was given to it, if we reflected that it is the one work in which Christ is unceasingly occupied? "*Can ye not watch with Me one hour?*" Though man could not do so in the weakness of the night of agony, he ought to be able to do so now in the day of triumph.

How vast a change would be wrought in the Christian world, if there were a more earnest practice of intercession!

Nothing can work so great a change in the persons who use it, for it is the true exercise of Christian love, and our perfection consists in the development of Christian love. Our new life is given us, not for ourselves alone, but to use as members of the Body of Christ, joining in the work of Christ, the Head of the Body. All spiritual advancement, without increased earnestness in intercession, is likely to degenerate into mere spiritual pride. Love, which works through the consciousness and sympathy of others, is the corrective to pride, which works through the consciousness and isolation of self. Efforts of self-denying philanthropy, without increased earnestness in intercession, become in like manner only a new form of spiritual pride. In them the mind is apt to rest upon the thought of self as the doer of them, but intercession carries the mind onwards from the thought of the insufficiency of all our own efforts to the

intercession of Christ, which alone makes our efforts effectual, while it is itself the moving principle of our intercessions.

If intercession is the voice of love within us, it must be the voice of a greater power than our own, for love truly unites man with God. It is the voice of the love of Christ speaking within us. The use which we make of worldly things in the work of Christ is apt sometimes to blind us to our dependence upon Christ, by the worldly result seeming to follow so naturally upon our endeavours. Intercession, while it joins us more closely to Christ, must also fill us with the deeper humility by reason of that union; for in it we handle supernatural powers, which we cannot touch but by the mediation of Christ: and the result which follows is a result in no visible manner associated with our endeavour. It is a simple work of dependent faith. It is a work in which God is the more glorified, because self is lost to sight. By nothing can the soul be so much transformed into the Divine likeness, as by that work which at once teaches it the dependence of its own position, brings it into union with God through Christ, and exercises the powers of Christ in love to the brethren.

Also, there is nothing which we can do to work so great a change in others as is produced by intercessory prayer. It applies to individuals the power of the work of Christ. We may learn the importance which S. Paul attached to it by his continual admonitions. He bids the Ephesians "*Pray always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watch thereunto with all*

perseverance and supplication for all saints : and," he says, "*for me that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the Gospel.*" (Eph. vi. 18, 19.) This text shows us how he felt his own dependence upon the prayers of others. Indeed, the more any pray for others, the more they feel their dependence upon the prayers of others. All the works of the Church of Christ, from the labours of the Apostolate downwards, are dependent upon the united prayers of the faithful. The Church of Christ is a body of individuals. "*We are members one of another;*" without corporate life and unity there cannot be individual life and strength. The effort of each individual Christian is an individual effort ; but though of the individual, yet *in* the body of Christ. The life of each individual Christian is an individual life, but *in* the body of Christ. While we use every natural means which lies within our reach for advancing each other's well-being, we must, above all things, endeavour to affect one another by that act of mutual intercession which causes the energy of Christ the Head to thrill through the whole Body. It is thus that we must stir up the supernatural life of the Church. We must not limit the power of God in answer to prayer. He can give more than we ask or think ; and when we pray for His Church to be strengthened in any way, we know that it is a prayer "*which is according to His Will*," and great shall be the personal blessedness of having by prayer hastened the perfection or lessened the sorrow of the Church of God.

CHAPTER III.

ON THE IMPORTANCE OF UNION IN PRAYER.

THE efficacy of our prayers depends upon our union with Christ. If we would have them accepted we must put them by faith, as it were, into the hands of our great High Priest, that He may present them before the Father.

But it is not merely between ourselves as individuals and God that he stands as Mediator. He is the Head of the whole Body, to offer up the joint worship of the whole Church. It is, therefore, as members of His Body, individuals within the privileged communion of His Church, that we can lay claim to His mediation. Hence arises the force of His own words, "*That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them.*" (S. Matt. xviii. 19, 20.) When we agree with others to pray for any matter, not only do we gain the *addition* of *their* prayers, but we *intensify* our *own* prayer by a *special act of faith.* In so doing we make an act of faith, not only in the mediation of Christ between ourselves personally and God the Father, but also in the efficacy of that mediation as a bond of

union between ourselves, uniting us one with another. Such union for prayer is consequently an act of that love which we must have one towards another if our love to God is to be a real love. When Christ has made a special promise to the efforts of united prayer, we ought certainly not to neglect it. Therefore did S. Paul so affectionately write to the disciples, "*I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me.*" (Rom. xv. 30).)

Our own prayer will also, in all probability, have the greater moral earnestness, from our sense of the human obligation which requires us to make it. The Divine obligation of prayer is general. If we are associated with others in a rule of prayer, that original obligation in no way loses the majesty of its Divine character, but it gains the marked importance which arises from general agreement upon a particular point. Whatever is done by rule, will probably be better done than it would be if it resulted from a merely voluntary impulse. The consciousness of having agreed with others to pray for a given matter, is a perpetual admonition respecting the importance of the work, and the consequent importance of doing it as well as possible. Private prayer has two great dangers—*formality* on the one side, and *dreaminess* upon the other. Nothing is more calculated to wake up the heart in private prayer than the sympathy of effort in common—the knowledge that other minds are directed to one object in common with ourselves,

and that we are pledged to help forward that object by the observance of a common rule.

Oh that men would more realize the blessings of united prayer! What so much as this brings out the hidden spiritual unity of our life in Christ? A congregation gathered together between the same walls may have no sense of unity. They are not necessarily all one. But an association agreeing together in prayer, however separated by outward circumstances, can only pray together by the very fact of the strength of a Divine unity, which no outward circumstances can break. As we are knit together in one by the gifts of grace, so by agreement in prayer we exercise that unity. We learn its reality by acting upon it. There would be less party spirit if there were more agreement in prayer. Party spirit makes men join themselves together by external accidents. Union in prayer developes the spiritual unity which underlies many accidental diversities, and is our only life. Union in party is of the world: union in prayer is of heaven. Amidst a world so full of turmoil, *how good and joyful a thing it is to dwell together* in the secret consciousness of abiding unity, and in the privacy of our intercourse with God to feel that we are not alone, but are acting together as one in Christ Jesus!

In united prayer we might find more strength, if we did but seek it earnestly, than any power of the world can give. Let us remember how Ezra led up the people from Babylon. "*I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of Him a*

right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance. For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek Him; but His power and His wrath is against all them that forsake Him. So we fasted, and besought our God for this; and He was intreated of us." (Ezra viii. 21-23.) If the Church of God is to come up from the bondage of the world to the peace of spiritual life, and the privileges which are her own as the *new Jerusalem* of God, it must be by her members uniting in prayer as they go on. Which is most wonderful,—the *power* of united prayer, or the *neglect* of it? It could not be so neglected if men had faith. S. Paul appeals to the Corinthians for this active exhibition of faith when he tells them how he trusts for his deliverance, "*ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons, thanks may be given by many on our behalf.* (2. Cor. i. 11.) If the Church were to say with one voice, *Thy kingdom come*, making one great effort of prayer—"*with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel*," having thus a lively consciousness of the power inherent in the united act, Christ would come. Alas! if He were to come now, how little faith He would find! At least, let us all who have faith join together in using it as best we may, to hasten His coming. "*When Peter was in prison, prayer was made without ceasing of the Church unto God for him;*"

and should not we pray together for those who are in the bondage of sin? If we would agree to do this, many souls would be delivered. Is it not our sin, if any perish in their bondage because we cannot agree together to pray for them. The hindrance must commonly be merely a hindrance of the will. We have around us many of the signs of evil which tell of Christ's coming. Let not that sign be wanting on our part which may make His coming a blessing to ourselves. "*I will pour*," says He, "*upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplications.*" (Zech. xii. 10.) The world associates for the works of the world. Surely the people of God ought to associate for the work of the kingdom of God. Let mutual sympathy establish us in faith, and make love effectual in prayer. Let us unite together in intercession with the knowledge that Christ is at our head, and that it is His Spirit moving all our hearts which intercedes; so shall we certainly prevail. God will not weary of hearing those who are striving together in the united prayer of faith and love.

He has pledged himself to hear us when we pray. How many murmurings would be stopped if we would but make trial of His fidelity to His promise,—"*Ask and ye shall have!*" We are too apt to complain of society as incurable. instead of bringing society before the notice of Christ. We can bring society before Christ in prayer as truly as the friends of the palsied man brought him to Christ; and Christ, if He see faith in us, will certainly answer us. The only

thing which can make society incurable is the want of faithful agreement in prayer on its behalf. The knowledge of mutual agreement for the performance of this duty will help us to be faithful in its discharge. We should reflect upon Abraham's intercession for Sodom. It has been often noticed that Abraham left off asking, but God did not leave off giving. The world may be very openly depraved. Surely it is a good thing that its wickedness is so apparent if it drive us to pray for it. Had there been but a few men in Sodom to strengthen the intercession of Abraham, the city would have been spared. We do not pray for the world as persons living out of the world. We are part of that world for which we pray. We are to be the salt of the earth as Christians, and surely it is by our prayers that the power of Christ is to spread from us to all round about us. Let us therefore pray, even from very desperation, at the thought of evil; but much more let us pray by reason of our loving confidence in *our Father which is in heaven*, that He will yet spare the world. "*Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the Lord our God.*" (Joel ii. 14.)

Our prayer should be repeated prayer, earnest and prolonged.

Let us take warning from the want of *repetition* in the act of Joash. "*He smote thrice upon the ground with the arrows and stayed. But Elisha was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times, then hadst thou*

smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it : whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice." (2 Kings xiii. 19.) Every repeated act of prayer, is a fresh act of prayer, and brings with it a fresh blessing.

Every lifting up of the heart to God, though it be but the effort of a moment, is a real act of prayer. However short the expression of that effort may be, though it be but a word, nevertheless, if the soul rise before God, throbbing, as it were, with repeated efforts on behalf of the object of its desire, each simple act of prayer will have its own special answer.

Many acts of prayer, made thus with intelligent faith, in however short a time, are more efficacious than one dreamy act of prayer spread out over a long time. Meditation is of great value for individual advancement in holiness, but we want repeated acts of vigorous intercession on behalf of society at large, if the influence of the Church of Christ is to be felt throughout society.

We want such *earnestness* as we can conceive Elisha himself to have had when he stretched himself upon the body of the dead child. Let us realize that by the gift of prayer God has put into our hands a power capable of effecting the object we desire if we only use it aright. Surely any large restoration of Christian energy throughout society would be as "*life from the dead.*" It may seem as hopeless, but it is not more impossible ; and the difficulty lies not on God's side, as if He could not shed forth His grace, but on our side, because we make so little effort to rise out

of our feebleness in asking for it. We may take the example of S. Paul himself in praying for those who were in danger: "*I would that ye knew what a conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh.*" (Col. ii. 1.) If there were a multitude of Christians perpetuating that conflict of prayer to God, the world must be won. We can only grow up towards the earnestness of Elisha and S. Paul in their intercessions by trying to imitate them. We must try over and over again with increasing earnestness of will, in spite of the natural weariness of the flesh.

Does a quarter of an hour seem to us a long time to be given to prayer on one subject? Surely not.

If our intercessions are earnest they will be *prolonged.* Can we think S. Paul was content with a quarter of an hour a-day in this conflict which he speaks of, for those who had not seen his face in the flesh? Nay; of himself, and Silvanus and Timotheus, he writes to the Thessalonians: "*Night and day we pray exceedingly that we may see your face, and may perfect that which is lacking in your faith.*" (1 Thess. iii. 10.) Our sympathies cannot but grow with our prayers; and as they grow till they have embraced all mankind, we shall find a quarter of an hour too short a time instead of being too long. But we must persevere. Our intercessions must be prolonged. So was the struggle of Jacob with the angel prolonged *until the breaking of the day.* We must feel the whole world to be in a certain way identified with ourselves when we are inter-

ceding for the unconverted, and so must lay hold upon the Angel of the Covenant, which is our Lord Jesus Christ; for He bears the full power of the Father to distribute the gifts of heaven upon earth, and we must say: "*I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me.*" (Gen. xxxii. 26.) Were not the intercessions of Christ Himself prolonged through the night when He was upon earth? If we cannot pray as earnestly as He prayed, if we cannot pray as long as He prayed, yet let us do what we can, that by this means, "*we may come to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.*" (Eph. iv. 13.) As we thus use the energies of Christ, by intercession in union with Him, we carry out His work, which is the salvation of the world.

Let us endeavour to get others to join us in our intercessions. When the people of Nineveh humbled themselves upon compulsion at the king's bidding, they obtained their desire from God. If we cannot pray like our Lord Jesus, or S. Paul, or Elisha, at least we ought to be able to pray as well as the people of Nineveh. We must not measure what we *can* do by what we have *tried* to do. Let us pray for the world in which we are, as they prayed for their city, and with the additional confidence of Christian faith; and then most surely God, who heard them when they did so at the king's bidding, will hear us when we do so at the bidding of our Great King, His Only-Begotten Son.

We must not think it a thing impossible for God to raise society to Christian life, even though it seem to us rotting in the corruption

of spiritual death. Whatever days of evil may be coming on the world, we know, at any rate, that *the days shall be shortened for the elect's sake.* Why for their sake, if not in answer to their prayers? Let us *make our calling and election sure*, by joining in the prayers of God's elect. "*Shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily.*" (Luke, xviii. 7.) Certainly He is ready to avenge those speedily who do cry earnestly; but how few, it is to be feared, in this faithless age, are crying *day and night* unto him. The great matter is for every one to try, as far as he can, to swell the number of those who do. We must not be afraid to be importunate with God. Since God has appointed this for us as a duty, we must act accordingly. "*If ye being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?*" (Luke xi 13.)

CHAPTER IV.

UNION IN PRAYER FOR THE UNCONVERTED.

It may seem presumptuous to pray for others when we so greatly need the prayers of others for ourselves. This must not keep us from praying for them. Prayer on their behalf is a solemn duty, with which our Blessed Lord has entrusted us. Rather will it be well for us to think of ourselves as those who in a time of pestilence, though sick themselves, have to tend others who are sick. It is a false humility which would make us think we could not pray, or that, at any rate, we should not pray for others. We must advance in the power of prayer by the practice of prayer, and we must pray one for another, "*that all may be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.*" (1 Tim. ii. 4.) Since Christ calls us to the work of prayer in union with Himself, we must each one of us take up the solemn resolution of Samuel the prophet, when he said to the people, "*God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you!*" (1 Sam. xii. 23.)

It was under a deep sense of this obligation that some few joined together to form an "Association for Prayer on behalf of the Un-

converted ;" that is, *for all who neglect God's grace.*

Well, then, we are to spend *a quarter of an hour daily in prayer for the unconverted.*

This must, first of all, remind us *how far our own conversion is from being complete.* Unless we set out with this acknowledgment our prayer will not be acceptable to God. It is as sinners, trusting with penitent faith in Christ, and seeking to be conformed to Him, that we must pray for others to be brought from their sins into conformity with the life of Christ.

Secondly, in prayer for the unconverted we must remember that *they have been called into the grace of Christ, although they have neglected it,* resisted it—it may be, well-nigh quenched it. This must make us watchful for ourselves, and remind us *how insecure our own position is.* "*Consider thyself, lest thou also be tempted.*" (Gal. vi. 1.) We must be careful, lest in our anxiety for others, we fall back ourselves through negligence. We must feel our need of increased conversion of the heart to God, and our danger of falling away from that grace which we have already received.

How many are included in our prayer, if we pray for the unconverted! How many hear God's call without ever attending to it! We pray for all of these. Each person should endeavour to bring the matter as practically before himself as possible.

This may be done, either by looking to society at large or specially interceding for those whose dangers we personally know the best. For instance: We may take the various large *cities* of

the world, and let the eye of the mind traverse the various districts of each, and so we may pray for persons of every class throughout those cities who are living in forgetfulness of God, in ignorance or inadequate sense of their own nothingness.

Or, again, in whatever sort of neighbourhood we may be living, we may take the several *classes* which people it; some tempted by riches to forget God; others, by poverty, held back from loving Him; some, with temptations of the intellect, weaning them from Divine truth, and settling down in unbelief; others with temptations of the passions and of the appetites, making little or no effort to abstain from bodily sin.

Or, again, we may take *individuals* whom we know to be addicted to anything definitely sinful, or wanting in some plain and necessary virtue. Those who are most dear to us will naturally be the chief object of our prayers. So S. Paul prayed for his *kinsmen according to the flesh.* If individuals in every family, knowing some habitual sin in those near to them, were to pray for the conversion of their near relations guilty of those sins, negligences, or ignorances, how many souls would be saved to God!

Again, in steamboats, railways, omnibuses, public meetings, and in the streets as we walk through them, we are often brought accidentally into contact with multitudes, whom we must know to be needing conversion to God. What an atmosphere of blessing we might carry about with us, if at such times, and in such places, we

℣ Let us go three days' journey into the wilderness:

℟ *That we may sacrifice unto the Lord our God.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who didst say to Thy disciples, Come ye apart into a desert place and rest awhile: grant we beseech Thee to Thy servants now gathered together, so to seek Thee Whom our souls desire to love, that we may both find Thee and be found of Thee, and grant such love and such wisdom to accompany the words which shall be spoken in Thy Name, that they may not fall to the ground, but may be helpful in leading us onward through the toils of our pilgrimage to that rest which remaineth, where, nevertheless, they rest not day nor night from Thy perfect service, Who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

19. *For the Sanctification of the Clergy.*

Ant. Thy priests who offer the Bread of thy God shall be holy unto thee: for I, the LORD which sanctify you, am holy.

℣ He shall purify the sons of Levi:

℟ *That they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.*

O LORD, Who delightest to effect by grace what the weakness of our nature cannot attain to, illuminate the stewards of Thy mysteries with Thy indwelling purity, that in the work of the ministry their word may go forth as fire to consume the evil, to melt the stony-hearted, to purify

the unclean, to enlighten the ignorant, and to quicken the dead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

20. *For their Success against the Powers of Evil.*

Ant. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.

℣ Michael the archangel said unto the devil:

℟ "*The Lord rebuke thee.*"

a.

O GOD of peace and truth, rebuke the spirit of antichrist, lawlessness, and discord, which is ready to break in upon this Church and nation; restrain its abettors, and give grace to all who minister in Thy Name [*especially*], that, like faithful servants and soldiers of Jesus Christ Thy Son, they may stand in the breach, and omit no part of their duty in this day of danger; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, the Prince of Peace, and Son of Thy love. Amen.

Bishop Wilson.

b.

O LORD GOD of hosts, fill, we beseech Thee, all those whom Thou hast set as Pastors over Thy sheep with righteousness and true holiness, that by their faith and piety they may overcome the wicked one, and save the Lord's flock from the danger of his assaults; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Gothic.*

others. What you realize as desirable for others you will desire for yourself. If you ask God to help others to attain it, He will help *you*. If you have any definite purpose which brings you really into communion with God, you will find His power gradually drawing your whole self more perfectly under His influence, so that all your energies will be sanctified, quickened, strengthened, controlled, illuminated, and made to triumph by Him. The more you pray that others may be better, the more you will work by the help of God's grace, to make yourself better. Prayers without a purpose may leave us unchanged, but if we have a real purpose in our prayers we shall get a real purpose in our lives.

CHAPTER V.

SUGGESTIONS AS TO THE MODE OF SPENDING ONE QUARTER OF AN HOUR DAILY IN PRAYER FOR THE UNCONVERTED.

1. The first thing will be in this, as in all prayer, to place yourself in the presence of God in deep humility, and self-abasement, in the knowledge of your own sinfulnes. The fruit of prayer is often lost, and times intended for prayer pass away in mere meditation, because we omit to gather up our thoughts in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Remember that you are speaking to God, and that God is listening and looking, waiting to answer you. This will make you feel yourself a sinner, if you do it rightly, and the involuntary ejaculation of your heart will be, *Lord, when shall I be fully converted to thee? God be merciful to me a sinner!* It is very necessary that you should begin thus humbly if you would intercede for the benefit of others, and not to your own condemnation.

2. The second thing will be to consider the mediation of Christ, as your only claim for a hearing from God. This act of the mind may be combined ordinarily with the recitation of the name of the Holy Trinity, for the knowledge of the Trinity is only through the mediation of

Christ. But it may also be expressed as a separate act of devotion. It is especially fitting we should thus begin our intercessions for others; we need not only the intercession of Christ for ourselves, but also His mediation to make an intercession for others acceptable. We do not dare to pray for others as if we were better than they; but we come to use that mediation which all may use if they will come in faith.

You may say somewhat after this sort: "*O Lord Jesus, I come near in the confidence of thine own promise.*—'WHATSOEVER YE SHALL ASK THE FATHER IN MY NAME HE WILL GIVE IT YOU.' *Thou hast received gifts for men. Make Thou my prayer to be acceptable on behalf of all who need.*"

3. You will then probably say, as an introduction to prayer for yourself and others,—

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Our Father, &c.

4. Consider the various persons in whose welfare you are most interested, and make a *general* intercession on their behalf, after this sort: *Lord have mercy on all whom I specially love, and draw their hearts unto Thyself.*

Let this be said solemnly, and with deliberation, so as to give the mind time to recall the various objects which are of interest to you, whether classes or individuals.

You will, of course, have prepared your mind before coming to prayer with a general knowledge of what you are going to pray for. Endea-

your beforehand to classify in your own mind, as far you can, the particular portion of society in which your own lot is cast, and for which you will generally try to pray.

5. You will now advance to more *special* intercessions, getting up one by one those classes, and in certain cases naming those persons, for whom you have made this general intercession. Bishop Andrewes's *Devotions* will supply you with a model of specification.

We are each of us thrown into connection with particular portions of society. Our own lot varies oftentimes very greatly from one period to another. Sometimes each day brings us into connection with a new phase of society. Do not let your prayers be too much stereotyped. Alter the details of your prayer in some respects according to the daily changes of your life.

Have a certain portion of regular objects of intercession, whether written down on paper or retained in the memory. Then let these objects be individualised further or multiplied, according to the special relationships in which from day to day you find yourself.

6. Feel yourself to be now engaged in the work of bringing up before God, through the mediation of Christ, various classes of society, various individuals — relations, friends, acquaintances, superiors, dependants, servants, public characters unknown to yourself except by name, strangers with whom those you love are for the time associated. This will make you too sensible of the reality of the work you are engaged in to allow of your needing many words. The mere

enumeration of titles and names will be quite enough, if you are careful, as you mention the name of each, to lift up your heart to God with an echo of the "*Have mercy*," said at the beginning.

It will probably, however, be advisable to *break up the intercession into sections.* For instance, in praying for a family you may say, "*O Lord, have mercy upon* [this] *family;*" and then simply enumerate before God the individuals by name. Or in praying for a district you may say, "*O Lord, shed forth Thy Holy Spirit upon this parish* [*or* street *or* city];" and then simply enumerate before God the families whose names you know.

All this comes within the scope of intercession for the unconverted, for it will be seen at once, that even those who are striving to serve God should not be passed over, for they need to be drawn more and more to God; and secondly, it is to be feared that whatever household or district we may take in review, the number of those who are earnestly seeking God is insignificant compared with the number of those who are wanting in all conversion of heart to God; and thirdly, when we do know of any who are striving to serve God, we should pray for them with a view to the conversion of those round about them: in which case our words "*Have mercy*" will mean, "*Enable them to carry out Thy work in their own hearts, and in winning others to love Thee also.*"

Pass not judgment on the individuals for whom you pray. Your prayer for those who

need conversion altogether will not be hindered by your asking God to *have mercy* on those who need conversion in its higher stage, that they may be enabled by Divine grace to persevere and to attain perfection.

You need not then be solicitous about words. A simple "*Have mercy*" is enough to bring down from God upon every soul the particular graces most necessary for the perfection of that soul.

7. And yet there are doubtless some souls about whom, for many reasons, you will feel especially anxious, and classes of society beset with difficulties which you are specially familiar with. In prayer for these it will be well to pause, and enumerate some of the *circumstances* which cause them danger. When you resolve to pray more at length for any object, you may begin by a special invitation of each Person of the Blessed Trinity,—

Lord, have mercy upon [him *or* them].
Christ, have mercy upon [him *or* them].
Lord, have mercy upon [him *or* them].

And having done this, you may, if you are praying for a parish, or a school, or a household, enumerate the various elements of difficulty which stand in the way of its well-being, saying, "*Lord, quell the unruly*," or "*reconcile the quarrelsome*," or "*check the dishonest*," or "*enable the church to be built;*" or, if you are praying for an individual, you may enumerate any besetting sins that you are aware of in connection with that individual, or any temptations to which the individual is exposed, saying, "*Lord, deliver*

him from the habit of [*swearing, obstinacy, covetousness, self-conceit, &c.*];" or "*Lord, deliver him from the temptations to* [*unbelief, impurity, gambling, dissipation, &c.*], *to which he is exposed.*"

8. This increased degree of specification will, from time to time, vary your litany, so that the mere enumeration of objects of intercession will be no tedious work to you. You will, however, find that your intercession gains much in reality and earnestness if you pause at certain stages, and say the Lord's Prayer on behalf of all whom you have mentioned. For instance, if you are praying for a scattered parish, you may have enumerated the families living in one hamlet. This enumeration has been diversified by a special mention of individuals in certain families, and also by a special mention of certain temptations besetting the whole clump of houses perhaps, or some particular family, or some one soul. The mind need not weary, and yet it will find a great solace in gathering up all the wants it has considered in the words of Christ Himself. Therefore, before passing to another hamlet of the parish, it will be well to *rest, as it were, in the mediation of Christ*, the Good Shepherd of all, and *say the Lord's Prayer.*

For this purpose it is desirable to familiarise the mind with the exhaustless meanings of the Lord's Prayer.

We sometimes hear persons complain of the number of times that the Lord's Prayer occurs in the public service.

It may be doubted if persons can at all know

its meaning, who are content to think it enough that they have said it once.

The oftener we say it, if we say it devoutly, the oftener we shall wish to say it.

Alas! how often it is said thoughtlessly and profanely!

If we try to say it with any thought of its deep spiritual meaning, we shall feel that there is no mode in which the soul can rise up to God, and lose the thought of self in Divine Intercession so sweetly and so powerfully, as in yielding itself up to the impulse of the words of Christ.

9. Having uttered the Lord's Prayer as an expression of conscious unity with Christ, the Mediator, you cannot but offer some *thanksgiving*. Faith is not only a source of power, but also of joy. "*The fruit of the Spirit*," of Christ within us, "*is joy*." (Gal. v. 22.) At no time can we feel this more than when we are conscious that God has accepted us, unworthy as we are in ourselves, nevertheless in Christ, to be channels by which the stream of Divine sanctifying power should issue forth for the refreshment of a world wearied by sin. To express this thankfulness at certain intervals will give you refreshment, so that you will return to the work of intercession with the greater energy. Prayer and thanksgiving cannot be dissociated, if we know what it is to speak to God in the name of Christ, in the unity of the Body of Christ, in the power of the Spirit of Christ. "*Pray without ceasing*," says the Apostle, and "*in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you*." (1 Thess. v. 17.) You may say, "*Praised*

God, who hath not cast out my prayer, nor turned His mercy from me." (Ps. lxvi. 18.)

10. You will probably draw to a conclusion by saying *the Belief* or *the Gloria Patri.*

In saying the Belief, you should especially remember that you are glorifying God for desiring that sinners should be converted to Himself.

For instance, when you say "*Maker of Heaven,*" you will remember that God has caused a place to be prepared in Heaven for those for whom you are praying, and that it will be their own fault if they forfeit it.

When you say, "*Maker of Earth,*" you will remember that God created, as means of blessing all those things, gifts of mind, body, and estate, which the unconverted abuse to their own hindrance. Dost not thou often do the like?

When you say, "*Jesus Christ our Lord was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,* you will remember He came down to sanctify all mankind, for a small part of which you have been praying.

When you say, "*He was Crucified,*" you will remember that, but for His Cross and Passion, neither you nor any of those you have been praying for could have attained to heaven.

When you say, "*He sitteth on the right hand,*" you will remember that He *ever liveth there to make intercession for you* and all His people, and that you for one short quarter of an hour have been *watching with Him.*

Oh! unspeakable privilege! If we weary to be doing on earth what Christ is always doing in

heaven—if we are ever tempted to think we might be better employed (unless we have some specific duty to fulfil)—it must be because we do not realize what we are about. At the very best it is to be feared we rise little above the form of prayer. We know little of the power. If we knew the power of prayer to the full we never should weary, for it would sustain us while it refreshed the world. When we shall know it to the full, we shall do nothing else; for we shall be with Christ, and be identified with His intercession. His intercession will be the strength of our life and the law of our life, until the praise of prayer in the mediatorial kingdom is exchanged for the praise of unbroken thanksgiving in the beatific vision.

When you say, "*I believe in the Holy Ghost*," you will remember that it is the work of the Holy Ghost to *convince the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.*

When you say, "*I believe in the forgiveness of sins*," you will remember that no sins are so great that God cannot forgive them, if sinners are brought under the influence of the Holy Ghost; and you will remember how greatly your sins need to be forgiven, day by day, when you turn aside for a moment to walk in your own strength, and weaken by so doing the habitual sanctification of the Holy Ghost.

When you say, "*I believe in the life everlasting*," you will remember that you have been praying for others—not with a view to their success in worldly objects, but in order that they may attain everlasting life.

You will thus say the Creed as an act of faith giving power to your prayer.

Or if you say the "Gloria," you will say it with a like application.

Glory be to God in the conversion of sinners.

11. You may then conclude by saying some versicles out of the Prayer Book or Psalter; *e.g.*:

"*O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.*

"*Neither reward us according to our iniquities.*"

12. You will do well to end as the Publican prayed. Who are you that you should intercede for others? Follow his example, therefore, who

"*smote upon his breast, saying,*

"*God be merciful to me a sinner!*"

CHAPTER VI.

ON SUITABLE DEVOTIONS.

It may be well sometimes to vary the manner in which the quarter of an hour shall be spent. While it will often be useful to devote it simply to that natural form of litany which each person's own experience will suggest to him, praying for as many persons as can be remembered and classified, it will also be desirable at times to devote one's self specially to more detailed prayer for a less extended sphere.

Litanies gathered out of Scripture are very serviceable for this purpose. Whilst our own knowledge of the world supplies us with materials drawn from the consideration of human necessity, the word of God supplies us with materials drawn from the manifold excellences of the Divine bounty. We should at times chiefly endeavour to realize human necessity, considering how many there are who are in need and merely reflect,—"*God through Christ can supply all, and thus have mercy upon all.*" We should at other times chiefly endeavour to realize the gifts of God in their manifold perfections, and merely reflect,—"*All mankind need them; some more, some less, in their degree of need, but all would be equally impotent without them.*" We may think either of the various needs of men, and

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form them into classes accordingly; or of the various graces of God ready to descend on all, and make the divisions of our prayer in reference to these. Whichever way we generalise, God can specify. We may either say, *Give Thy grace to this person, and this, and this:* or we may say, *Give this grace, and this, and this to all.* Let us realize what He has to give, and ask Him to give to each according to their need. We have helped an unconverted world if we have said heartily, "*Have mercy upon us.*" Appeal, therefore, to God, on behalf of all men, by enumerating the various tokens of His love. Consider the attributes of God; the details of the Life, and Passion, and Glorification of Christ; the manifold operations of the Holy Ghost: and in the strength of faith which each separate contemplation supplies, say for yourself, and for all who need to be drawn to God, "*Have mercy upon us.*"

Again, the mind should be accustomed to an *expanded application of the Psalter.* It is most desirable to know what Psalms meet special wants of mankind. We should not rest in the mere form of words according to their first meaning. We should apply them spiritually. The Holy Spirit would have us use the Psalter as a divine yearning for the redemption of mankind, and the manifestation of the glory of the Redeemer. Try, then, and use the Psalms in this way,—*pausing* after each sentence, not for the purpose of *meditation*, but of *application. Meditate* on the Psalter *at other times*, in order that you may *apply it at this time.*

If you do not see how any particular verse bears upon the subject of your intercession, pass on at once to the next: but try and gain a living familiarity with the Psalter, by a habit of applying it thus to the subject for which you intercede. In prayer for the unconverted, the Penitential Psalms will be especially suitable; but many others will suggest themselves to a thoughtful reader, suited to various needs of the human soul whilst under the bondage of sin.

Collects also out of the Prayer Book will be very useful in this way, if you have selected such as you think appropriate beforehand. They are treasures carefully gathered from the storehouse of Scripture, and should be used as having therefore a specially Divine power.

Above all, familiarise yourself with an expanded, applicatory use of the Lord's Prayer. Develope each sentence into various particulars. The more you do so, the more you will find its efficacy. It may be done with more or less of detail.

A most desirable—it might almost be said, a necessary—practice is to say the Lord's Prayer daily, with simple pauses for a few seconds between each sentence, waiting upon God to reveal His own gracious intentions in the prayer which He Himself has given, and offering up all the powers of the soul along with each sentence to Him, in the consciousness that it contains more than the mind of man can fathom.

In all prolonged prayer it is most important to remember, that it is not variety of words of magnificence of expression which God requires.

The one thing needful for our prayer is simple earnestness; and this is probably better secured by attentive repetition of short forms, "*saying the same words*" (Matt xxvi. 44) over and over again, after the example of our Lord in His agony: not as if God needed to be persuaded, but in order to develope in ourselves, and make evident before Him, the earnestness of faith, which acknowledges its nothingness in childlike dependence upon God through Jesus Christ. "*According to your faith it shall be done unto you.*" (Matt. ix. 29.)

Consider the importunity in prayer counselled us by our Lord Jesus Christ himself in Luke xi. 8. Consider, again,—with especial reference to the needs of the Church of Christ, by reason of the coldness and unconverted state of populations professedly Christian,—the parable of the unjust judge. If we really desire the conversion of the world round about us, we certainly are desiring what is according to God's will; and "*this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us: and if we know that He heareth us whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.*" From this let us go on to the same conclusion to which S. John guides us: "*If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death.*" (1 John v. 15, 16.)

We may ask for worldly things, and not get what we ask, by some mixed motive which destroys the sincerity of our prayer. If we ac-

custom ourselves really to seek spiritual blessings on behalf of others, we shall learn the more perfectly to pray at all times; we shall form a right spirit of prayer, and thus shall our temper be trained to the faith and submission which are requisite for successful prayer. "*Ye have not*," says S. James, "*because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.*" (James iv. 3-8.) We must *draw nigh to God* as representatives of our fellow-men for whom we pray, who know not how far off from Him they are. We must *resist the devil* on behalf of our fallen men; sympathising with them as partakers of a common humanity, fallen under the dominion of sin, but redeemed by the Blood of Christ, and sanctified by His grace. "*Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruits.*" So let us pray for the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on dry and deadened hearts, that they may be made fruitful. "*Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.*" (James v. 17-20.)

The spread of immorality in some classes of society, and of unbelief elsewhere, should rouse

us to try the power of fervent prayer. If *the prayer of a righteous man* availeth much of old, much more shall the prayer of the Christian avail which puts in operation all the meritorious righteousness of the *Man Christ Jesus*, our Divine Mediator. Let us bear in constant remembrance His own words: "*Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*" (John xiv. 13.) And again, "*Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you.*" Until His passion no prayer had been offered in Christ's name; but now He bids us "*ask and receive, that our joy may be full.*" (John xvi. 23, 24.)

"*The Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save, nor His ear heavy that it cannot hear.*" (Isa. lix. 1.) Let us therefore come to Him on behalf of our brethren, and He will accept our petitions.

"*Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of Thy holiness and of Thy glory: where is Thy zeal and Thy strength, the sounding of Thy bowels and of Thy mercies towards me? are they restrained? Doubtless Thou art our Father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: Thou, O Lord, art our Father, our Redeemer; Thy name is from everlasting.*" (Isa. lxiii. 15, 16.)

A LIST OF COLLECTS

Which may appropriately be used in prayer for the Unconverted.

Advent, 1. That we and they may rise from darkness to light.

Ash-Wednesday. That we and they may have true repentance.

Holy Innocents. That we and they may be purified from all vices.

Advent, 4. That we and they may be delivered from the corruption of nature.

Trinity, 1. That we and they may be delivered from the weakness of nature.

Trinity, 12. That we and they may be delivered from the penalty of sin.

Trinity, 21. That we and they may be delivered from the stain of sin.

Trinity, 24. That we and they may be delivered from the bondage of sin.

Good Friday. That we and they may be delivered from ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of God's word.

S. Andrew. That we and they may be delivered from hesitation.

S. John Baptist. That we and they may be delivered from timidity.

S. James. That we and they may be delivered from worldly affections.

S. Matthew. That we and they may be delivered from covetousness.

Lent, 2. That we and they may be delivered from impurity.

Epiphany, 4. That we and they may have support amidst temptation.

Trinity, 18. That we and they may have goodwill to resist temptation.

Trinity, 8, 15. That we and they may be kept from outward impediments.

Easter, 3. That we and they may eschew what is contrary to Christian profession.

Easter-even. That we and they may be dead to the world.

Circumcision. That we and they may walk in obedience.

Advent, 3. That we and they may profit by the ordinances of grace.

Epiphany, 6. That we and they may realize our divine hope.

Easter, 4. That we and they may strive after the promises of God.

Easter, 5. That we and they may have guidance to fulfil God's law.

Trinity, 9. That we and they may have strength to fulfil God's law.

Whit-Sunday. That we and they may be taught by the Holy Ghost.

Trinity, 19. That we and they may be ruled by the Holy Ghost.

Ascension. That we and they may accend in heart to heaven.

Trinity, 7. That we and they may delight in the covenant of God.

Trinity, 6. That we and they may love God above all things.

THE FOLLOWING SHORT FORM IS IN DAILY USE BY MANY.

Ant. Turn us, O God our Saviour, and let Thine anger cease from us.

℣ O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end,

℟ *But guide Thou the just.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, we beseech Thee to hear our prayers for such as sin against Thee, or neglect to serve Thee [*esp cially those in and others for whom our prayers are desired*] that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bestow upon them true repentance, and an earnest longing for Thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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PREFACE.

THIS Manual has been compiled in order to supply a want which some persons have felt in their endeavour to devote more time and energy to the work of Intercession. It is specially addressed to the members of an Association for Intercessory Prayer, which was formed amongst us some time ago. It is not, however, intended to be in any way binding upon our fellow-associates. It is only put forth as a book of suggestions. Since a facility in detailed intercession for various classes can only be acquired by familiarity with different sections of society, more perhaps than many persons have who are willing, nevertheless, to undertake this work of love along with us, the forms of this book may be found helpful.

In putting it forth it is by no means wished that a formal or rapid repetition of these Collects should take the place of mental prayer. A blank space, marked by a few dots, is left in most of them, where the person who uses the prayer can pause to supply the names of indi-

viduals (if such there be) in whom he is specially interested.

Of course, also, the divisions of society are too many for it to be possible that all classes of persons should be commemorated in a short manual like the present. Individuals will find it well to supply such omissions for themselves.

It will also be desirable for persons who use this Manual to set apart certain Collects for particular days. Thus (if it be so wished) *all* may be used regularly once in the week or month, and *others* which more immediately interest ourselves may be used oftener,—*some* daily.

May all our prayers tend to God's greater glory, and those who pray together be together partakers of that glory when it shall be revealed!

N.B. Those Collects to which the names of the authors are appended are frequently very much abbreviated in form, although in substance remaining unchanged.

Some of the Collects can only be used under special circumstances, as will be manifest by the titles prefixed to them.

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FOR

THE CONVERSION OF ALL MEN.

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O GOD the Father, of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O, God the Son, Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons, and one God: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From evil tempers and self-will,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the vanity of worldly pleasure and the anxieties of worldly business,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the guile and malice of the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all want of faith in Thy power, wisdom, and goodness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all want of Thy holy fear, from irreverence in Thy worship, from neglect of Thy commandments, and from forgetfulness of Thy continual presence,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all want of love to Thee, and blindness to Thine excellence,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all want of trust in Thine almighty power.

Good Lord, deliver us.

[Comm. I.] From the worship of any creature, by superstition, covetousness, or undue affection,

Good Lord, deliver us.

[Comm. II.] From misconceptions or unworthy ideas of Thine infinite Majesty,

Good Lord, deliver us.

[Comm. III.] From timidity in confessing Thee before men by reverent homage of mind and body,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From profanation of Thy holy Name, by levity in sacred things,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From forgetfulness of our dedication to Thee, as baptized in Thy holy Name,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From ignorance of the power of holy ordinances which are administered in Thy holy Name,

Good Lord, deliver us.

[Comm. IV.] From neglect of Thy presence in the assembly of Thy people, by irregular attendance or wandering thoughts,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From want of reverence towards Thy holy Word,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the maintenance of private opinions and human traditions making it of none effect,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the neglect of times set apart for Thine especial worship,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From seeking our own present gratification on Thy holy day, to the hurt of the soul,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From a want of pure intention in devoting all actions to Thy glory,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From neglect of honouring Thee with the first fruits of our increase, and the tenth of our substance,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the love of self, from boasting, pride, and blasphemy, and from forgetfulness of our entire dependence upon Thee,

Good Lord, deliver us.

[Comm. V.] From want of reverence to parents, and others that have lawful authority over us,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From want of love to those whom Thou hast made the channels of life to us, whether natural or spiritual,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From want of thankfulness to Thee for the blessings of natural birth and subsequent sanctification,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From pride of station, and discontent with appointed superiors,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From boldness of demeanour, or discourtesy in word or action,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From despising Thy goodness in any of Thy people,

Good Lord, deliver us.

[Comm. VI.] From malice and hatred; from party-spirit, and vindictiveness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From fierceness of temper, irritability, and sullenness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all words or actions which may injure others, whether collectively or individually,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From any habit that is inconsistent with our domestic duty and natural affection,

Good Lord, deliver us.

[Comm. VII.] From all impurity, whether in thought, word, or deed,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From fastidiousness of diet, from the undue indulgence of appetite, and from all enervating gratifications of the flesh,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From vanity of dress and bodily display,

Good Lord, deliver us.

[Comm. VIII.] From falsehood and injustice in contracts and promises, from false pretences and theft,

Good Lord, deliver us.

[Comm. IX.] From sneering and disparagement, from exaggeration and slander,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all untruthfulness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

[Comm. X.] From idleness, from all discontent

with our own position, and from envy and covetousness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the desire of anything but what is agreeable to Thy will,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thy Birth and subjection to the law,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thine obedience to the parents whom Thou didst adopt, and by the toil of Thy poverty,

Good Lord deliver us.

By Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thine endurance of contradiction, and by Thy compassion for Thine enemies,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thy watching in prayer, Thine Agony and bloody Sweat,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thy Cross and Passion; Thy Death and Burial,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thy Mediatorial Intercession, and the gift of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thy desire for the sanctification of Thy Church,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thy mercy in our election to be Thy people,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all seasons when we are tempted by the corruption of the flesh, or the violence of the wicked one,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please Thee to perfect Thy holy Church in unity of faith and discipline,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to provide Thy Church with all that is outwardly necessary for the accomplishment of Thy work in the conversion of souls;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to give Thy Priests a spirit of faithfulness, devotion, and love towards Thyself;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to make them examples to Thy flock, in the sanctity of their conversation;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to touch the hearts of all who minister in holy things with a reverent appreciation of Thy holy mysteries;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to stir up within them

the spirit of wisdom, that Thy Church may be enabled to execute Thy holy will in all perfectness;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to give them an earnest zeal, and a tender care for souls;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to increase the number of those who labour in Thy harvest;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to stir up the zeal of all Thy faithful people, for the promotion of every good work;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to cast out of Thy Church all error and worldliness, and to strengthen her with faith and purity;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to supply whatever is wanting to Thy Church, and to amend whatever is amiss in her;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to unite for ever in Thy love all who are joined with us in the observance of any outward rules of life;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to pardon those with whom we have at any time shared in sin, giving them repentance if they have not repented, and

perfecting their sanctification according to Thy will;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to bless, according to their several necessities, all those who have asked our prayers;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to forgive those who have done us any wrong, and to keep us from anything which may stand in the way of perfect reconciliation between us;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to bless the Queen, and all the Royal Family;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to bless those who are high in station, and to make them eminent in piety;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to direct the consultations of the Parliament to the advancement of Thy glory, and the well-being of our nation at home and abroad;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to confer all places of trust and honour on such as are most truly fitted and disposed to serve Thee and promote the good of those committed to their charge;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to incline all whom

Thou hast endowed with wealth, power, and wisdom, to live in subservience to Thy holy will;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to make them more conscious of their responsibility, and more liberal in the promotion of holy objects;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to raise up among us a deeper sense of truth and justice in commercial dealings one towards another;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to keep us from all unholy wars, and to prosper our army with courage, discipline, and piety;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to strengthen in habits of industry all who are called to manual labour;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to prosper our farmers and agricultural labourers, and to raise our villages from the degradation of sin;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to make employers more careful on behalf of those who serve them;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to fill with Thy true knowledge all who have the education of youth;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to keep the young from the seductions of worldly pleasure, that they may grow up in Thy favour;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to restrain the headstrong passions of men;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to bless the aged, forgiving their past sins, and hallowing with Thy grace the small remnant of their lives;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to have mercy upon all who at this moment are near to death, and to grant them forgiveness of sins. and a happy entrance into Paradise;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to cleanse our cities from all impurity, revelry, and unseemliness;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to inspire the rich with an earnest care for the removal from them of all such temptations to vice as arise from want of better social arrangement and regulated house-room;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to bless our seaports and colonies; and to grant that those who promote the wealth of the country may not lose Thy true riches;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to lead all persons to seek their happiness from Thee alone;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to extend the means of grace to all in our own land, and in our colonies, who have them not;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to convert all hardened sinners;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to pardon those who think or speak evil of us; and to unite us in mutual charity;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to overcome the prejudices of those who keep aloof from the teaching of Thy holy Word;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to extend the knowledge of the faith to those who have not heard thereof;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to bless all existing missions, and to increase their number;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to have mercy upon all who are in error, and bring them into the way of Thy truth;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to bless all Christian nations, purifying them from every taint of infidelity or superstition, and perfecting them in the faith;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to make all nations to be at peace one with another, as befits the unity of Thy Holy Church;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to pardon our sins, whereby we have marred the progress of Thy kingdom;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to hasten the day of Thine appearing, and the consummation of bliss to those who are at rest;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to give us meanwhile an earnest longing for it, that we may live in its expectation;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to perfect us now in Thy love, that we may hereafter attain to the full fruition of Thy glory;

We beseech Thee, &c.

Son of God: we beseech Thee to hear us.

Son of God: we beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us Thy peace.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, &c.

Lord Jesus, teach us to love Thee, and to abide with Thee in the love of the Father for ever. Amen.

N.B.—*Persons using this Litany may take different portions for different days, if it be too long to be said throughout.*

The deprecations assigned to the Ten Commandments may at times be omitted, and the suffrages between the two black lines pp. 9 *and* 12.

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IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

℣ O God, make speed to save us.

℟ *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

℣ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost

℟ *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

℣ Turn us then, O God our Saviour.

℟ *And let Thine anger cease from us.*

℣ O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end:

℟ *But guide Thou the just.*

Ant. Lord, grant us Thy light.

Psalm lxxx.

Ant. Lord, grant us Thy light, that, being rid of the darkness of our hearts, we may come to the True Light, Which is Christ.

Ant. Quicken me, O Lord.

Psalm lxxxv.

Ant. Quicken me, O Lord, for Thy Name's sake.

Chapter. Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

℟ *Thanks be to God.*

O God the Father, of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, Three Persons and one God: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious Blood, and be not angry with us for ever:

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil, from Thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation.

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all impenitence and hardness of heart, from presuming on Thy mercy, from despair of Thy forgiveness, and from all neglect of Thy Divine grace;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From pride, vain-glory, and self-seeking, and from all want of charity in judging our brethren;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From fearing to confess Thee before men, and from causing Thy holy Name to be blasphemed among the ungodly, through our unfaithfulness;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From want of love for all souls which Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious Blood;

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation;

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thy zeal for Thy Father's glory; by Thy suffering life of obedience; by Thy unquenchable thirst for the salvation of souls;

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thine endurance of the contradiction of sinners, and by Thy compassion for Thine enemies;

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by Thy Cross and Passion; by Thy precious Death and Burial; by Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost;

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Church universal in the right way;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Thou Who didst pray for Thine elect, that they might be made perfect in one, and be sanctified through the truth;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to cast out of Thy Church all error and worldliness, and to grant her that unity which is agreeable to Thy will;

We beseech Thee, &c.

O Thou Who willest to be sanctified in them that come nigh Thee;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to clothe Thy Priests with righteousness, and to make them bright examples to Thy flock in the holiness of their lives;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to touch the hearts of all who minister in holy things with a devout love towards Thy holy mysteries;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to give them an earnest zeal, and a tender care for souls;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to stir up within them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that,

rightly dividing the word of truth, they may build up Thy people in the unity of the faith;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to increase the number of those who labour in Thy harvest;

We beseech Thee, &c.

O Thou Who art ever worshipped in the songs of the holy Angels, and Who hast given to us, Thy servants, tongues wherewith to magnify Thy glorious Name;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to grant to the men and children of the Choir purity of heart and a constant reverence; that their lives, as well as their psalms, may be found to Thy honour and glory

We beseech Thee, &c.

O Thou Who didst bid the children come unto Thee, and hast promised that they who seek Thee early shall find Thee;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to prosper with Thy blessing the Schools and the Orphanage of this district, and to make them fruitful of good and holy souls;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to grant to all the Children a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy Name:

We beseech Thee, &c.

O Thou Who didst make known the well of living waters to the woman of Samaria;

We beseech Thee, &c.

O Thou Who didst mercifully absolve the woman taken in adultery, and didst forgive many sins to Mary Magdalene;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to bless the House of Mercy in this district, and to grant to all who labour in it faith, patience, gentleness, and charity;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to give to all who have sought its shelter, a true conversion of heart, and a growing knowledge of Thy love, that they may no more go back from Thee;

We beseech Thee, &c.

O Thou Who wouldest not that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance;

We beseech Thee, &c.

O Thou Who camest to seek and save that which was lost;

We beseech Thee, &c.

O Thou Who didst make Saul the persecutor a chosen vessel unto Thyself;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to soften the hearts of all hardened sinners, and to deliver them out of the snares of the devil, and to convert them to Thyself;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That as they have yielded their members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity, so henceforth they may yield their members servants to righteousness;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to have mercy on all who have erred from the true faith, through the fraud and malice of the devil, that, casting away every false opinion, they may return to the unity of Thy truth;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to have mercy on all who, having been once renewed by Thy compassion, have fallen again through their own frailty;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That, remembering at last from whence they are fallen, they may cast themselves on Thy mercy, and return into the way of Thy Commandments;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That Thou wouldest vouchsafe to quicken the souls of all returning penitents, and to restore them by Thy love to the grace which they have forfeited;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to confirm the hearts of Thy faithful people, and to stablish that which Thou hast wrought in them;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That, remembering their past sins, and occa-

scious of their frailty, they may work out their salvation with fear and trembling;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That they may have grace to persevere unto the end;

We beseech Thee, &c.

O Thou Who hast borne our sicknesses, and carried our sorrows, and Who dost heal us with Thy stripes;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to have mercy on all who suffer in mind or in body, and to grant them faith and patience cheerfully to endure Thy chastening;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That they may have grace not to shrink from the bitterness of Thy Cup, but to rejoice in being made partakers of Thy sufferings;

We beseech Thee, &c.

O Thou Who to the robber crucified with Thee didst promise a portion in Thy kingdom;

We beseech Thee, &c.

O Thou Who, in dying, didst commend Thy Spirit into the hands of the Eternal Father;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to have mercy on all dying persons, and to comfort them in their last agony with Thy most sweet promise, and to deliver them from the last assaults of the enemy;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That it may please Thee to deliver us Thy servants, and all for whom we are especially bound to pray, from a sudden, unprepared, and evil death;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That whether we live or die, we may be Thine, and that when we depart this life, Thou wouldest vouchsafe to receive our souls into Thy hands;

We beseech Thee, &c.

That neither life, nor death, nor any other creature, may be able to separate us from Thy dear love;

We beseech Thee, &c.

℣ Son of God: we beseech Thee to hear us.

℟ *Son of God, &c.*

℣ O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;

℟ *Have mercy upon us.*

℣ O Lamb of God, &c.

℟ *Hear us, good Lord.*

℣ O Lamb of God, &c.

℟ *Grant us Thy peace.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, &c.

℣ O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.

℟ *Neither reward us after our iniquities.*

℣ O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us;

℟ *As our trust is in Thee.*

℣ O give us the comfort of Thy help again;
℟ *And stablish us with Thy free Spirit.*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear our prayers, and grant to this parish all things that are needful for its spiritual welfare: strengthen and confirm the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; arouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of Thy truth; and bring all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of Thy holy Church; to the honour and glory of Thy everblessed Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, teach us to love Thee, and to abide with Thee in the love of the Father for ever. **Amen.**

A LITANY FOR SCHOOLS.

O GOD the Father, of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: have mercy, &c.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son: have mercy, &c.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God: have mercy, &c.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, &c.

Spare us, good Lord.

From worldliness and irreverence, from contempt and negligence of grace, and from all forgetfulness of grace received,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From dishonouring Thy holy Name and Thy Word, Thy holy Church, and all holy Seasons,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From disobedience and want of regard to all those whom Thou hast set over us,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From malicious and revengeful thoughts, from angry and evil tempers, and from want of love one to another,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From impurity, whether of mind or body, from sensual indulgence, in touch or taste, from vanity in dress and from all consideration of self,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From dishonesty, whether in word or action,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From evil speaking, lying, and slandering,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From seeking that which we have not, from striving to seem better than we are, and from slothfulness in the use of that which Thou hast given,

Good Lord, deliver us.

That it may please Thee to bless all the schools for which we are specially bound to pray,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to increase within them a spirit of devotion in the use of Thy holy Sacraments, and of all means of grace,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to increase within them a careful diligence in the cultivation of intellect for Thy honour and glory,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to grant unto all their members, health, and holiness of body and mind,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee of Thy great mercy to call many from amongst us to the work of the

sacred ministry, and fit us to correspond with Thy call,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to guide us by Thy holy inspiration in every station of life to which Thou shalt be pleased to call us.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless and prosper the work of the universities, and especially to give Thy holy angels charge concerning those of our own number who are there,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bring us all, when the probation of life is over, to the joy of Thy kingdom,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God: we beseech Thee to hear us.

Son of God, &c.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

OTHER PRAYERS.

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IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

1. *For the Peace and Unity of the Church*

Ant. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself.

℣ O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
℟ *They shall prosper that love Thee.*

VOUCHSAFE, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, to grant unto the whole Christian people [*and especially to Thy servants in and all for whom our prayers are desired*] unity, peace,

and true concord, both visible and invisible; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2. *For the Conversion of Sinners and Awakening of the Listless.*

Ant. Turn us, O God our Saviour, and let Thine anger cease from us.

℣ O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end,

℟ *But guide Thou the just.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, we beseech Thee to hear our prayers for such as sin against Thee, or neglect to serve Thee [*especially those in and others for whom our prayers are desired*] that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bestow upon them true repentance, and an earnest longing for Thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

N.B. This Collect is to be said Daily by Associates.

3. *For the Advancement and Perseverance of the Faithful.*

Ant. Thy God had sent forth strength for thee, stablish the thing, O God, that Thou hast wrought in us.

℣ They will go from strength to strength,

℟ *And unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.*

VOUCHSAFE, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to strengthen and confirm all Thy faithful [*especially those in and all others for whom we are desired to pray*], and to lift them up more and more continually to heavenly desires: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

N.B.—*These three Prayers have been in use by many amongst us for more than a quarter of a century, and are said when it is possible, at the hours of* 9 A.M., 12 *noon, and* 3 P.M., *respectively.*

FOR THE CHURCH AT LARGE.

4. *For all Estates of Christian Men.*

Ant. There are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all, dividing to every man severally as He will.

℣ As there are many members in one body:

℟ *So we, being many, are one body in Christ.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by Whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anglican.

5. *For the Increase and Perfection of the Church.*

Ant. A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation; I the Lord will hasten it in his time.

℣ We have waited for Thy salvation, O Lord:

℟ *In the midst of Thy temple.*

O GOD, Restorer and Governor of mankind, we beseech Thee to grant that Thy Church may continually be increased by the gathering in of new children to Thee, and perfected by the increasing devotion of those who have been regenerated; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gelasian.

6. *For the Deliverance of the Church in Time of need.*

Ant. The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save; He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love; He will joy over thee with singing.

℣ Preserve me, O God:

℟ *For in Thee have I put my trust.*

O LORD, we beseech Thee to grant unto Thy people such a measure of Thy heavenly benediction and grace, that by the continuance of Thy clemency they may be delivered in every hour of need from the weakness of the flesh and the malice of the devil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leonine.

7. *For the profitable Use of Chastisement.*

Ant. The chastening which for the present seemeth to be grievous, shall afterwards yield the peaceable fruits of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

℣ O God, Thou hast been displeased:

℟ *O turn Thee unto us again.*

TURN Thou us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, by the aid of that Propitiation which Thou hast ordained, and grant that the punishments which our sins have justly deserved may be unto us a chastisement profitable to everlasting life: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leonine.

8. *For the holy Discipline of the Church.*

Ant. I will sanctify My great Name, which was profaned, and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

℣ The LORD whom ye seek:

℟ *Shall suddenly come to His temple.*

O GOD, Who by the ministry of Thy blessed Apostles didst cause Thy holy religion to be acknowledged throughout the world, give grace unto Thy Church devoutly to exercise that holy discipline which from them it has received; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leonine.

9. *For the Purification of the Church from all Error.*

Ant. If ye continue in My Word, then are ye my disciples indeed, and ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free.

℣ I came into the world:

℟ *That I should bear witness unto the Truth.*

a.

O ETERNAL GOD and merciful Father, we humbly pray for Thy holy Church throughout the world, that it being purged from false philosophy and vain deceit, we may live and act as befits the members of the mystical Body of Thy Son, and in the end be found acceptable unto Thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ARCHBISHOP LAUD.

b.

DISSIPATE, we meekly beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, every self-willed opinion which tends by subversion of the faith to counteract the truth; that as Thou art acknowledged in heaven and in earth to be the one and only God, so Thy people, gathered from all nations, may glorify Thee in the unity of the faith handed down from the beginning. Amen. *Mozarabic.*

10. *For the restoration of outward beauty in Divine Worship.*

Ant. If the ministration of condemnation were glorious, much more shall the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

℣ Refrain not Thyself, O God:

℟ *Neither let Jerusalem be any longer a desolation.*

O GOD who hast chosen material things to be the instruments of Divine Grace, grant us so to realize the glory of that heavenly fellowship

wherein Thou callest us to worship Thee, that we may the better show our reverence for Thy Majesty by our care for Thy Holy House, and in the beauty with which we are permitted to celebrate Thy sacred functions, may attain to the more faithful acknowledgment of their inward power, to the glory of Thy Great Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

11. *For Unity.*

Ant. Blessed be He Who biddeth us all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

℣ How good and joyful a thing it is, brethren:
℟ *To dwell together in unity.*

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly Union and Concord: that, as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one Hope of our Calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Anglican.*

12. *For the Triumph of the Church.*

Ant. O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in Me is thine help, and I will be thy King.

℣ If we be dead with Christ:

℟ *We shall also live with Him.*

DEFEND Thy Church, O Lord, we beseech Thee, with Thy continual help, that we may be enabled hereafter to triumph over every outward enemy, having here prevailed over every error that makes war within; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Leonine.*

13. *For the Hastening of Christ's Kingdom.*

Ant. The Lord Jesus shall appear the second time without sin unto salvation. Then shall He be glorified in His Saints.

℣ God is not a God of the dead, but of the living:

℟ *For all live unto Him.*

a.

ALMIGHTY GOD, with Whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with Whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity, we give Thee hearty thanks on behalf of all those of our brethren whom it has pleased Thee to deliver out of the miseries of this sinful world [Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists, Martyrs, Confessors, Doctors, wise Prelates, diligent Pastors, careful Guides of souls godly Kings, pious Benefactors of the

poor, patient Sufferers in sickness, faithful Endurers of spiritual temptations, Virgins, Penitents, Infants, our own Parents and Forefathers, and all our kindred who are gone before us]: and we beseech Thee that it may please Thee of Thy gracious goodness shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy Kingdom, that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anglican.

b.

O GOD, Who callest us from this mortal estate to dwell with Thee in the life everlasting; Mercifully hasten the perfection of Thy Church, that the Wicked One may no longer oppress those whom Thy blessed Son has redeemed, and that we, being set at liberty, may quickly partake of the salvation ready to be revealed in the last time; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

14. *For the Peace of the World.*

Ant. Pray ye unto the Lord for the peace of the city where ye shall be captives, for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

℣ Thine elect shall pray unto Thee, O Lord:

℟ *And the days of evil shall be shortened.*

O LORD, we pray Thee to subdue the evil passions of mankind, and grant that the

course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

15. *For Bishops.*

Ant. Jesus said unto His Apostles, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations; and lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

℣ When He ascended up on high:

℟ *He received gifts for men.*

O GOD, Who rulest over Thy people with fatherly love, give the spirit of wisdom to all who have received from Thee the authority of government, that the welfare of Thy holy sheep may turn to the everlasting joy of their pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gregorian.

16. *For our own Bishop, and others whom we may specially desire to commemorate.*

Ant. Thy children shall be princes in all lands.

℣ Behold, O God our Defender:

℟ *And look upon the Face of Thine Anointed.*

O GOD, the Pastor and Ruler of Thy faithful servants, look down in mercy on Thy servant our bishop, [*and ... for whom I am*

to whom Thou hast given charge

over this Diocese.
specially bound to pray]. Do Thou evermore guide, defend, comfort, sanctify and save *them*, and grant *them* by Thy grace so to advance in word and good example, that they may, with the flocks committed to *them*, attain to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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17. *For the Appointment of faithful Bishops:—to be used especially when any See is lying vacant.*

Ant Thus saith the Lord, David shall never want a man to sit upon the Throne of Israel: neither shall the Priests, the Levites, want a man before Me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

℣ O Lord, look down from heaven:

℟ *Behold and visit this Vine.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose Thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the twelve Apostles; Grant that Thy Church, being alway preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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18. *For a Retreat.*

Ant. Come, My people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee.

℣ Let us go three days' journey into the wilderness:

℟ *That we may sacrifice unto the Lord our God.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who didst say to Thy disciples, Come ye apart into a desert place and rest awhile: grant we beseech Thee to Thy servants now gathered together, so to seek Thee Whom our souls desire to love, that we may both find Thee and be found of Thee, and grant such love and such wisdom to accompany the words which shall be spoken in Thy Name, that they may not fall to the ground, but may be helpful in leading us onward through the toils of our pilgrimage to that rest which remaineth, where, nevertheless, they rest not day nor night from Thy perfect service, Who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

19. *For the Sanctification of the Clergy.*

Ant. Thy priests who offer the Bread of thy God shall be holy unto thee: for I, the LORD which sanctify you, am holy.

℣ He shall purify the sons of Levi:

℟ *That they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.*

O LORD, Who delightest to effect by grace what the weakness of our nature cannot attain to, illuminate the stewards of Thy mysteries with Thy indwelling purity, that in the work of the ministry their word may go forth as fire to consume the evil, to melt the stony-hearted, to purify

the unclean, to enlighten the ignorant, and to quicken the dead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

20. *For their Success against the Powers of Evil.*

Ant. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

℣ Michael the archangel said unto the devil:

℟ "*The Lord rebuke thee.*"

a.

O GOD of peace and truth, rebuke the spirit of antichrist, lawlessness, and discord, which is ready to break in upon this Church and nation; restrain its abettors, and give grace to all who minister in Thy Name [*especially*], that, like faithful servants and soldiers of Jesus Christ Thy Son, they may stand in the breach, and omit no part of their duty in this day of danger; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, the Prince of Peace, and Son of Thy love. Amen.

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b.

O LORD GOD of hosts, fill, we beseech Thee, all those whom Thou hast set as Pastors over Thy sheep with righteousness and true holiness, that by their faith and piety they may overcome the wicked one, and save the Lord's flock from the danger of his assaults; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Gothic.*

21. *For their Success in the Edification of the Faithful.*

Ant. Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the LORD may have free course, and be glorified.

℣ The LORD was with Joseph:

℟ *And that which he did, the Lord made it to prosper.*

GRANT, O Lord, that they who minister in Thy Name, may be enabled so to dispense the mysteries of Thy grace and truth, that many by their ministrations may be built up in our most holy faith, and perfected in the energies of a loving obedience; through Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

N.B. *For those who have ministered to us in spiritual things, see among* Private Relations.

22. *For Priests sinking under a sense of Loneliness.*

Ant. He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

℣ Whom have I in heaven but Thee:

℟ *And there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of Thee.*

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that those who are removed from visible communion with their brethren, remembering the invisible fellowship of Thy saints who worship together with them around the altar of the Great High-Priest, and keeping themselves as befits

Thy holy Temple, may have the eye of their understanding enlightened to contemplate Thine ineffable glory, the source of purity and strength to all Thy worshippers, the hope of our pilgrimage, and the joy of our everlasting Home: so that, being comforted of Thee, they may be enabled to comfort others also in every tribulation, and may bring their flocks to take part in the general assembly of Thy redeemed; through the merits and mediation of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

23. *For the Conversion of Ungodly and Negligent Priests.*

Ant. If ye turn away and forsake My statutes, then will I pluck you up out of the land which I have given you.

℣. I will be sanctified in them that come nigh Me, saith the Lord:

℟. *And before all the people I will be glorified.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, have mercy upon all who, in the ministry of Thy holy word, neglect to cultivate within themselves that grace which Thou, by them, dost communicate to Thy people. Convert them to a sense of their responsibility, and suffer not their unworthiness to hinder the triumph of Thy love; but grant that the tears of Thy Church may avail to their enlightenment, and that their penitence may be fruitful in the conversion of many others through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

24. *For the Increase of Clergy.*

Ant. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.

℣ I will multiply the seed of David My servant:

℟ *And the Levites that minister unto Me.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, look mercifully upon the world, redeemed by the blood of Thy dear Son, and send forth many more to do the work of the ministry, that perishing souls may be rescued, and Thy glorious triumph may be hastened by the perfecting of Thine elect; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

25. *For Priests harassed by Doubts as to their Vocation.*

Ant. Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain.

℣ My Word shall accomplish that which I please:

℟ *And it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who choosest weak and sinful men to be the instruments of Thy mediatorial love for the salvation of the world, have mercy upon those whom Thou hast chosen, and grant that they who are troubled by a sense of their unworthiness may be encouraged

by the knowledge of the sufficiency which is to be found in Thee, and confiding in Thy love, may be strengthened and prospered in the execution of Thy will, for the glory of Thy great Name, and the edification of Thy Church. Amen.

26. *For Priests tempted to slight their Ordination Vows.*

Ant. Touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of the ungodly, for they must be clean who bear the vessels of the Lord.

℣ O Lord, purify the sons of Levi.

℟ *That they may offer unto Thee an offering in righteousness.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou great High-Priest, Who wast ever occupied in accomplishing the work of Thy divine mission, have mercy upon those whom Thou hast been pleased to associate with Thyself in the ministry of grace, and grant that they, considering the dignity of their heavenly calling, in subordination to Thyself, may be delivered from the temptations of the world, and live in the diligent fulfilment of their vows, seeking above all things to approve themselves unto Thee, that by Thee they may be accepted of the Father, with Whom Thou livest and reignest in the unity of the Holy Ghost One God, world without end. Amen.

27. *Ember Prayer.*

Ant. When they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on Barnabas and Saul, they sent them away.

℣ Satan cannot be cast out:

℟ *But by prayer and fasting.*

a.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, Who hast purchased to Thyself an universal Church by the precious blood of Thy dear Son; Mercifully look upon the same, and at this time so guide and govern the minds of Thy servants the Bishops and Pastors of Thy flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons to serve in the sacred ministry of Thy Church. And to those which shall be ordained to any holy function, give Thy grace and heavenly benediction; that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth Thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anglican.

b.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Giver of all good gifts, Who of Thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in Thy Church; Give Thy grace, we humbly beseech Thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of Thy doctrine, and endue them with

innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before Thee, to the glory of Thy great Name, and the benefit of Thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Anglican.*

28. *For a Temporary Mission in any place.*

Ant. We have sinned with our fathers; we have done amiss and dealt wickedly.

℣ Wilt Thou not turn again and quicken us:

℟ *That Thy people may rejoice in Thee.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, Who seekest those that are gone astray, bindest up those that are broken, and healest those that are sick; bless, we beseech Thee, the effort now being made to convert souls unto Thee. Open the deaf ears of the wanderers, that they may hear the words which belong unto their salvation; and grant that those whom Thou dost raise to newness of life, may through Thy grace persevere unto the end: of Thy mercy, O our God, Who art blessed, and livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

29. *For the Society of the Evangelist Fathers, Cowley S. John.*

Ant. Whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

℣ He shall give His Angels charge concerning Thee:

℟ *To keep Thee in all Thy ways.*

O GOD, Who didst cause Thy blessed Evangelist S. John so eminently to receive the love of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, grant unto Thy servants, the Mission Priests of S. John the Evangelist, that they may evermore abide in that love and accomplish Thy holy will. Watch over this Society for good, give Thine elect Angels charge concerning them, and make Thy Holy Spirit to rule their hearts, that their lives may be holy, their prayers acceptable, their wants supplied, their words directed, and their work prospered to the glory of Thy Holy Name, through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

30. *For the increase of the Society of S. John the Evangelist.*

Ant. There is no restraint to the Lord to save, whether by many or by few.

℣ The Lord gave the word:

℟ *Great was the company of the preachers.*

GRANT, O Lord, we pray Thee, to the Society of S. John the Evangelist such an increase of numbers as shall best enable Thy servants to accomplish Thy holy will, and whether they be many or few, grant that Thy Word may have free course amongst them, and may be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

31. *For the Associates of the Society of S. John the Evangelist.*

Ant. It is God that worketh in all the faithful, both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

℣ Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel :

℟ *And afterwards receive me with glory.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast ordained the fellowship in good works upon the earth as a means of mutual edification, whereby Thy faithful people may help one another, grant the fulness of Thy Blessing to all the Associates of this Society, and enable them by means of their fellowship with us to live the more detached from the world, and the more faithfully united unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

32. *For Missions.*

Ant. Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts. Therefore they shall rejoice who see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those Seven; for they are the Eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

℣ Instead of thy fathers, thou shalt have children :

℟ *Whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.*

a.

For their Prosperity.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who didst charge Thine Apostles that they should preach the

Gospel to every nation; make us to show our gratitude for Thy benefits by earnestness in fulfilling Thy command. Prosper all missions, both at home and abroad, with an increase of sanctity, that they may win many to the acknowledgment of Thy truth [*especially those in*], and give them all things needful for their work, making them to be centres of spiritual life, to the quickening of many souls, and the glory of Thy holy Name, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

b.

For their Increase in Number.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, cause the witness of Thy truth to be set forth by the establishment of mission works in other places also [*especially*], that our fellow-countrymen who have relapsed may be brought back to the faith, and the heathen who know Thee not may be made partakers of Thy grace; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God world without end. Amen.

c.

A General Prayer.

O THOU Good Shepherd of the sheep, look mercifully upon those who have none to watch over them in Thy Name. Prepare them to receive Thy truth, and send them pastors after Thine own heart. Replenish with Thine abundant grace those whom Thou dost send, and awaken the pity of Thy people for all these strangers to Thy covenant, so that, by their

cheerful contribution and the co-operation of Thy Holy Spirit, multitudes may daily be added to the Church, and become partakers of the salvation which Thou hast promised, O Lord and lover of souls. Amen. BISHOP WILSON.

33. *For those who are Preparing for Holy Orders in any College.*

Ant. They that have used the office of a deacon well purchase unto themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Jesus Christ.

℣ Sanctify them through Thy truth:

℟ *Thy word is truth.*

O THOU true Light that lightest every man that cometh into the world, do Thou in Thy mercy touch the hearts and lighten the understandings of all who are preparing for Thy ministry [*especially*], that they may readily acknowledge and cheerfully obey all that Thou wouldst have them believe and practise, to the benefit of Thy holy Church and their own salvation. Amen.

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34. *For Choirs.*

Ant. They who have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb, shall stand before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple.

℣ One of the seraphim cried unto another, and said:

℟ *Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of Hosts.*

GRANT, O Lord Jesus Christ, that those who are set apart to lead Thy worship upon earth may be admitted to join in the ceaseless song of heavenly worship with thine elect [*especially*]; let their white robes be to them a constant memorial of the purity which Thou requirest, and their association with Thy priests on earth remind them of their nearness to Thee, the great High Priest, by Whom alone our praises are acceptably offered to the Father, that so their lives, as well as their psalms, may be found to Thine honour and glory, Who ever livest to make intercession for us, our Mediator and Advocate, our Lord and our God. Amen.

35. *For Clergy and People.*

Ant Seeing that we have a great High Priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

℣ Endue Thy ministers with righteousness:

℟ *And make Thy chosen people joyful.*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who alone workest great marvels; Send down upon our Bishops and Curates, and all congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of Thy grace; and that they may truly please

Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anglican.

36. *For Candidates Preparing for Confirmation.*

Ant. I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh, saith the Lord.

℣ They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the Mount Zion:

℟ *Which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.*

O MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech Thee so abundantly to strengthen these Thy servants with the sevenfold gift of Thy Holy Spirit, that they who are admitted by Thine ordinance to the perfection of Christian grace, may grow unto the perfection of Christian life in the exercise of the power which Thou hast given them; through Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

37. *For the newly Confirmed.*

Ant. Surely the Spirit which Thou givest is as a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

℣ They that are planted in the House of the Lord:

℟ *Shall flourish in the courts of the House of our God.*

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O HOLY GHOST, Who hast vouchsafed to choose our bodies for Thy temple, quickening us unto newness of life in union with the only-begotten Son, reveal Thy gracious indwelling in every one of us, and especially now we pray for those upon whom Thou hast recently descended, that they may by Thy presence be strengthened against every enemy, and enlightened with a true knowledge of things Divine, so that, living in the fear and love of God, they may be purified from earthly corruption, and attain to dwell in the blessed fellowship of Thine everlasting glory; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

38. *For habitual Communicants.*

Ant. Thou hast prepared a table before me against them that trouble me: Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

℣ My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness:

℟ *When my mouth praiseth Thee with joyful lips.*

O MOST gracious Father, Who callest us unto Thyself by Jesus Christ, reveal Thy dear Son in the hearts of those who diligently approach Thy holy Altar [*especially*]; and grant that they, realizing increasingly the sweetness of His Presence, may come to the more humble acknowledgment of their own

weakness, and the more faithful acceptance of His all-sufficient grace; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

39. *For formal Communicant*

Ant. That which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.

℣ The law was given by Moses:

℟ *But grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.*

PARDON, O Lord, we pray Thee, all those who approach Thy holy Altar without a fitting remembrance of the mystery wherein they are engaged. Enlighten their eyes to behold, and their hearts to love, the Presence of Thy dear Son, vouchsafed in this Holy Sacrament, and let not the coldness of their formal devotion be imputed to them as sin, but rather kindle them by the grace of that Sacrament whose power, when they received it, they did not know, and bring them, according to Thy mercy, to taste Thy sweetness; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

40. *For uninstructed Communicants.*

Ant. Surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not.

℣ Open Thou mine eyes that I may see:

℟ *The wondrous things of Thy law.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who when Thou wast upon earth didst hide Thy divine glory while carrying out the work of the Father, reveal Thyself in the hearts of those who come to the Holy Sacrament of Thy Love, without proper knowledge of Thy mysterious gift of Thine own Self therein conveyed. Regard not their want of outward reverence, but accept their obedience to Thy command, and so inflame their hearts with love and thankfulness, that by Thy gracious indwelling they may be enlightened to approach Thee with an ever-increasing apprehension of the true faith, and may finally behold Thee as Thou art, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost Thou ever livest and reignest One God, world without end. Amen.

41. *For those who have Scruples about receiving Holy Communion.*

Ant. Hearken diligently unto Me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

℣ As for me, I am poor and in misery:

℟ *Haste Thee unto me, O God.*

a.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who of Thy great mercy hast called us into the number of Thy children, grant that they who feel the burden of their sin, and are oppressed by the anxieties of the world, may by the power of Thy Holy Spirit

sincerely repent them for the past, stedfastly continue in Thy service for the time to come, and approach Thy holy altar with freedom of heart, feed upon the Body and Blood of Thy dear Son, with acceptable faith, and be strengthened to serve Thee with a perfect devotion in the sphere of earthly trial which Thou hast appointed for them, until they attain to partake of the Feast of Thy heavenly kingdom; through the merits of the same Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

b.

GRANT, O Lord, that those who are kept by any unworthy fears from approaching Thine altar, may be quickened by Thy Holy Spirit with such love to Thee, that they may much rather fear any longer to reject the blessings offered in that holy Sacrament through the Mediation of Thy only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, the High-Priest of our profession, Himself the Propitiation for our sins, and the Food of Immortality; to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory for ever. Amen.

42. *For increase of reverence towards the Blessed Sacrament.*

Ant. O Sacred Banquet, wherein Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

℣ Thou gavest them Bread from Heaven:
℟ *Containing within itself all sweetness.*

O GOD, Who in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar hast bequeathed to us a perpetual memorial of Thy Passion, grant us so to venerate the mysteries of Thy Body and Blood that we may perceive within ourselves the fruits of Thy redemption, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost One God, world without end. Amen.

43. *For Persons intending to be Married.*

GUIDE, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy servants [. . . .], who are purposing to be married, that they, choosing that condition of life in which best to glorify Thee, and that companion of their married life, if they do marry, who may best help them to serve Thee, may not be drawn away from Thy Love by any earthly ties, but may rather be bound the more closely to Thyself in the ties of an earthly love which Thou hast blest; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

44. *For the newly Married.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who hast vouchsafed to be the Husband of Thy Church, binding Thy people unto Thyself in the mysterious unity of a nature renewed by the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon those who are recently married, and grant that they, realizing that

mutual love which Thou hast ordained to be an image of the love between Thyself and Thy people, may be found each to the other a comfort in sorrow, a strength in need, a counsellor in perplexity, a companion in every enjoyment, and, having shared together Thy blessings upon earth, may attain to the blessing of Thy heavenly Feast in the satisfaction of Thy perfect Love; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. **Amen.**

45. *For Married Persons who are obliged to live apart.*

O HEAVENLY FATHER, in Whose love Thy creatures find a continuing bond of communion, be gracious unto Thy servants [. . . .], and grant unto them a happy reunion in the joy of that love which Thou hast blest. Suffer not their outward separation to occasion any estrangement of heart, but enable them so to advance in Thy Love, that they may love one another with the greater purity and the deeper affection, and may finally come to dwell together in the glorified company of Thine elect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

46. *For those who are inquiring after the Truth.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who dost give power to such as will receive Thee, that they may become the sons of God, draw unto Thyself all those who are desirous to come to

Thy Light. Make the way plain for them, that they may no longer be entangled by any worldly cares, so as to be kept out of the way of salvation. Enable them to realize the privileges of Thy holy Church, and the blessedness of our adoption into the fellowship of Thy Holy Spirit. Deliver them from all false and unworthy conceptions of Thy service; and grant that they may give themselves to Thee with holy worship, and may be permitted to bring others with them to serve Thee in spirit and in truth, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, now and ever. Amen.

47. *For the Unbaptized.*

HAVE mercy, Thou God and Father of all, upon those who have not been admitted within Thy covenant of grace. Draw them by Thy Love, that they may seek the Water of Life. Give them boldness, that they may not be kept from Thee by any fear of man, or prejudice of the natural heart, but, yielding themselves up to Thy command, may escape the corruption which is in the world through lust, and be admitted to the participation of Thy Divine Nature, as Thine elect children; through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

48. *For the Due Reception of God's Word.*

O HEAVENLY FATHER, forasmuch as none can come to receive Thy Holy Word, except Thou draw them by Thy gracious inspiration, we

beseech Thee to pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon those to whom Thou hast sent Thy ministers, that their hearts may be inclined favourably to receive, stedfastly to retain, and obediently to perform, whatsoever shall be taught them in Thy Name, and that they may manifest, in the dedication to Thee of their lives and substance, that thankfulness which they owe to Thee for Thy redeeming love; through Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

N.B. *This Collect may especially be used on Saturday and Sunday; or during the continuance of a Mission in any neighbourhood.*

49. *For those who are trying to serve God in ways external to His Church.*

Ant. If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God.

℣ Pardon, O Lord, the iniquity of Thy servants:

℟ *And stablish Thy people in the Law.*

a.

HAVE mercy, O Lord, upon all those who, though living in ignorance of Thy covenanted gifts of grace, are yet studious to serve Thee with sincerity of purpose. Regard not their separation, but accept their good will, and grant that they, laying aside all human prejudice, may listen to the voice of Thy Holy Spirit, and be made partakers of His blessed renewal in the unity of the Body of Thy dear Son; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

b.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, be gracious unto all those who are trying to bring others to serve Thee, while yet they themselves know not rightly the way of faith. Make known to them more perfectly the fulness of Thy revelation, that they may humble themselves before Thee; and grant that they, becoming thus conformed to Thy truth, may experience its blessed power to renew them unto righteousness, and may continue zealously to labour for the conversion of others from the way of sin to Thy most blessed service, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

c.

O BLESSED SPIRIT, Who didst come down in order to gather the faithful into the unity of the Divine Life, enlighten all those who are striving to worship the Father without a knowledge of Thy covenanted blessing and ever-ready help. Dispel their ignorance. Soften their prejudice. Melt their stubborn hearts. Draw them to seek Thee where Thou mayest be found. Quicken within them a lively faith in Thy promises, and a loving carefulness in the use of the means whereby Thou art pledged to visit us. Grant that as they now seek to live in holiness without Thy Sacraments, so they may, by the appreciation of Thy holy ordinances, attain to the fulness of that spiritual life which they desire, and, walking in close communion with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ, by Thy sustain-

ing Presence, may be purified from all sin and error, and may attain to dwell for evermore in the perfect revelation of Thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

50. *For Church Benefactors.*

Ant. Remember them, O God, concerning this, and wipe not out their good deeds that they have done for Thy House, O our God, and for the offices thereof.

℣ Blessed be he that considereth the poor and needy:

℟ *The Lord delivers him in the time of trouble.*

O MERCIFUL LORD, we beseech Thee plentifully to recompense the benefactors of Thy Church (*Esp. . . .*) for the good they have conveyed to us, pouring out upon them Thy rich pity, and guiding in the way of true devotion those who benefit by their alms, that what they established for Thy glory, may evermore abide before Thee as a memorial for their salvation. As Thou knowest the necessities of each one, so do Thou supply them of Thine infinite mercy, perfecting them according to Thy will, that they may attain to the glorious inheritance of Thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

51. *For the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.*

Ant. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, My Name shall be great

among the Gentiles, and in every place incense shall be offered unto My Name, and a pure offering.

℣ I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send?

℟ *Then said I, Here am I: send me.*

WE praise Thee, most gracious God, for causing the light of the Son of Righteousness to shine upon us. Give us grace always to acknowledge this inestimable benefit by walking as children of the light, and compassionating those who are still in darkness. Prosper, we humbly beseech Thee, the undertakings of that Society which has been established for propagating the Gospel in foreign parts. Make the members thereof zealous and diligent in that good work. Give them wisdom to do it rightly, courage to persevere in it undauntedly, and grace to carry it on successfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ROBERT NELSON.

52. *For Re-union of Christendom.*

Ant. One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all, Who is above all and through all and in you all.

℣ In that day there shall be one Lord:

℟ *And His Name One.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who saidst unto Thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; regard not my sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to Thy will, Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

N.B. *This is the Collect of the Association for Prayer on behalf of Unity in Christendom.*

FOR PERSONS

CONNECTED WITH US IN VARIOUS PRIVATE RELATIONS.

53. *For our Parents.*

Ant. One generation shall praise Thy Name unto another, and declare Thy power.

℣ Honour thy father and thy mother:

℟ *And remember the days of old.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Whom the whole Family in heaven and in earth is named, I give Thee humble thanks for that Thou didst of Thy providence cause me to be born of Christian parents; recompense them out of the riches of Thy bounty for the care bestowed upon me, and give them blissful rest with Thy faithful people, and the perfect fruition of Thy glorious Godhead in the life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

54. *For the same.*

GRANT unto them, O Lord, in this world, all things which may be necessary for the attainment of a blessed eternity, peace and

plenty while they are here below, freedom from danger both of body and soul, stedfastness in faith, earnestness in holy obedience to Thee, deepening apprehension of Thy truth, humble sorrow for sin, increase of joy in the contemplation of Thy love, continuance of life while it is pleasing in Thy sight, with health and strength for its enjoyment, calmness and patience when weakness and old age shall overtake them, and such grace to use Thy gifts, that when Thou callest them hence they may be found ready to obey Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

55. *For the same.*

O LORD, have mercy upon my parents and bless them, giving them all things needful, whether for soul or body, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

56. *To be used by a Husband.*

Ant. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it, that it should be holy and without blemish.

℣ These years seemed unto Jacob but a few days:

℟ *For the love he had to Rachel.*

O GRACIOUS FATHER, Who in the beginning didst institute matrimony as a type of the mystical union between Christ and His

Church, enable me by Thy grace to live in holiness and purity with the wife whom Thou hast given me. Mortify in me all violence of earthly passion, all inconsiderate self-will [*here name any besetting sin which may be a hindrance*], that I may love her as Christ loved the Church, regarding her well-being as mine own, and careful, by self-sacrifice, to forward her perfection in every Christian virtue. So may we dwell together in love, praising Thee upon earth, and finally, be united in the indissoluble unity of the Holy Ghost in the resurrection unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

57. *The same.*

GRANT unto us, O Lord, discretion and understanding, that we may train our children in Thy faith and fear; and competency of estate, that we may maintain them according to that rank of life in which Thy goodness has placed us; humility, that we may rely upon Thy blessed will, Who knowest better than ourselves what we need; and faithful love to Thee, that we may hereafter dwell together in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP ANDREWS.

58. *The same.*

O LORD, bless my wife, and give her grace faithfully to perform all that belongs to her position. Help me in my duties towards her,

that I may be a comfort and support to her by affectionate counsel and diligent labour. Amend what is amiss in either of us, and grant that we may assist one another to advance in holiness, so that our love may be perfected by Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

59. *To be used by a Wife.*

Ant. The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit is in God's sight of great price.

℣ The husband is the head of the wife:

℟ *Even as Christ is the head of the Church.*

O MERCIFUL LORD GOD, give me grace to live worthy of the honourable estate of matrimony, to which Thou hast called me; loving my husband with a holy love and gentle obedience in all things. Keep me from all worldliness and vanity, that I may govern his household with prudence and care; [and give me understanding so to take my part in the education of our children, that they may be our joy in this world and our glory in the next.] Grant that our perfect union here may be the beginning of the still more perfect union which shall be hereafter in Thy kingdom; through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

BISHOP ANDREWS.

60. *The same.*

GRANT, O Lord, I beseech Thee, that no fault of mine may aggravate the sins by which

he is especially tempted, but enable me, by meekness and forbearance, to win him to the love of Thee and the worship of Thy holy Name, that so our union, hallowed by Thy benediction, may by the same be perfected in holy joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

61. *The same.*

GRANT, O Lord, that nothing upon my part may hinder the good desires which Thou hast put into my husband's heart; but enable me rather to soothe him in perplexity, to cheer him in difficulty, to refresh him in weariness, and, as far as may be, to advise him in doubt, that my fellowship may be no impediment to the development within him of every Christian grace, but our united prayers may ascend acceptably before Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

62. *The same.*

O LORD, bless my husband. Prosper his work. Enrich his soul with the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit. Deliver him from his besetting temptation. Draw him to love Thee more. Grant us to love one another with such purity that we may not forfeit Thy grace. Whatever of sorrow we may share together on earth, bring us in the end to have our share together in the glory of Thy redeemed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

63. *To be used by a Parent.*

Ant. Children and the fruit of the womb are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.

℣ Take this child and nurse it for Me:

℟ *And I will give thee thy wages.*

ALMIGHTY GOD and Heavenly Father, I thank Thee for the children which Thou hast given me; give me also grace to train them in Thy faith, fear, and love, that as they advance in years they may grow in grace, and may hereafter be found in the number of Thine elect children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP COSIN.

64. *The same.*

GRANT unto those who are grown up to man's estate that they may be cleansed from whatever of evil they have contracted in the world, and may live as befits Thy children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

65. *The same.*

GRANT unto those who are young that they may be kept from falling under the temptations of the world: give them deliverance by Thy grace from the sin which doth so easily beset them [*here name it, if known*], and advancement in all true wisdom and holy learning, so as finally to be perfected in the image of Thine only-begotten Son; for His merits, Who

liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

66. *For a Child in Sin.*

O LORD, have mercy upon my child, fallen under the snares of the Wicked One; and as Thou lovest *him* with a love more perfect than mine own, so restore *him* to penitence in answer to my prayer; and grant that *he*, acknowledging Thee as *his* Father, may yet be acknowledged of Thee, and admitted to the glory of Thy children; through Thine unspeakable mercy in Jesus Christ. Amen.

67. *For a Child entering upon his Profession or Business.*

O LORD, grant that my son may be so protected of Thee in the *business* which he is about to undertake, that in all success he may acknowledge Thee as his Helper, and in all failure may find Thee as his Refuge; and teach him in all things earnestly to strive after the best gifts, that his coming years may be crowned with the fulness of Thy favour in this world, and life everlasting in the world that is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

See also for Boys at School, &c., amongst the ***General Prayers.***

N.B. *These Prayers may be used as occasion serves for Nephews and Nieces, also for* ***God-children.***

68. *For Brothers and Sisters.*

Ant. He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of One; for which cause He is not ashamed to call us brethren.

℣. Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity:

℟. *For there is One Body and One Spirit.*

a. For increasing Holiness in Mutual Love.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, strengthen me and my [*brothers and sisters*] in the holy bonds of Thy love, by drawing us all to an increasing love of Thyself, till the brotherhood which has begun upon earth shall be perfected in Thy heavenly kingdom: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

69. *For the same.*

b. For supply of their several Needs.

O GOD, Whose merciful providence hath surrounded me with their watchful affection, grant that I may show by my outward acts of love to them that I realize the sacredness of the bond wherein we are united; and as Thou knowest our several needs, so do Thou give to each one of us Thy grace, that we may all be numbered with Thy saints in the glory everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

70. *For the same.*

c. For Spiritual Sympathies.

O GOD the Father of all, look down from heaven upon us Thy children, and grant that our natural affection may be quickened by a perfect fellowship in the supernatural bonds of Thy grace, and our brotherly love sanctified by the growing sympathies of the Divine life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

71. *For the same.*

d. Against Estrangement.

REMOVE from us, O gracious Lord, all feelings of estrangement which the difference of our inclinations may occasion; and in whatsoever way Thou guidest us, suffer us not to go astray from Thy will, but grant that we may all be found pleasing unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

72. *For the same.*

e. For Grace to act consistently.

O GOD, Who knowest the secrets of all hearts, let not my inconsistency turn to the hurt of my brethren, but grant to me such watchfulness and wisdom that I may be an evidence to them in my daily life of the power of Thy transforming grace, and by my example may encourage them to seek Thee more and more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

73. *For the same.*

f. For Spiritual Growth.

O GOD, Who knowest our several temptations, supply what is wanting, perfect what is weak, grant us a sincere acceptance of the faith, deliverance from temptations, retirement from the world, deeper penitence, purity of life, thankfulness for Thy grace, and a joyous hope of immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

74. *For the same.*

g. For each Individually.

O MOST loving Father, I bring them before Thee one by one [*naming them in order*]; Enable us to advance in holiness, and have mercy upon us, for Jesus' sake, Who is not ashamed even now to call us brethren, purposing to translate us with Himself into the glory of Thy Kingdom; where, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

75. *For the same.*

h. Where there have been Differences.

O MOST gracious and merciful God and Father, accept my prayer on behalf of my dear [*brothers and sisters*]. Pardon our coldness, bitterness, want of love, divisions, self-seeking, and ill-tempers. Convert us wholly to

the love of Thyself, that, being taught of Thee to love one another, we may be enabled to love Thee, though we see Thee not, until we see Thee as Thou art, and love Thee according to the fulness of Thy manifestation. Pardon me whereinsoever I have offended. Bless [. . . .], grant that we may mutually forgive, and dwell together in unity as members of one earthly family, and partakers of one heavenly hope, in the unity of the Body of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

76. *For Absent Members of the Family.*

O GOD, Who art everywhere present, look down with Thy mercy upon those who are absent from among us. Give Thy holy angels charge over them, and grant that by the light of Thy divine inspiration, and the gifts of Thy bountiful providence, they may be kept safe in body, soul, and spirit, and presented faultless before the presence of Thy glory with exceeding joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

77. *For our Relations generally.*

HAVE mercy, O Lord, upon all those whom Thou hast associated with me in the bonds of kindred and natural affection [*here name certain kindred families and individuals*], and grant that they may along with me be so perfectly conformed to Thy holy will that, being cleansed from all earthly desires, we may be found

worthy, by the inspiration of Thy love, to be partakers together of the blessedness of Thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Gallican.*

78. *For our Servants.*

TEACH me, O God, to fulfil the requisite duty towards my servants, providing them with all earthly necessaries, and arranging for their proper performance of all spiritual obligations of worship to Thee. Reveal Thy Son in their hearts, that as He took upon Him the form of a servant, they may do their work in His remembrance to Thy glory, and may so be kept free from sin by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may enter hereafter into His joy; through the same our Lord and Master, our Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, Who is, with Thee and the Holy Ghost God blessed for ever. Amen.

79. *For those who in any way Employ us.*

GRANT, O Lord, that those for whom I work in the way of the world may be united with me in the way of truth, by a mutual remembrance in prayer to the furtherance of our common salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

80. *For our Acquaintances.*

BE gracious, O Lord, to all my personal friends and acquaintances; those whom I shall meet

this day; those whom I have met this day; and grant that our intercourse in this world, whether for business or pleasure, may be hallowed by the presence, and prospered through the intercession, of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

81. *For any who have asked our Prayers.*

Ant. Pray one for another, that ye may be healed.

℣ The difficulties of this world shall turn to salvation:

℟ *Through prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.*

STRETCH forth, O Lord, the right hand of Thy mercy upon Thy servants, that, seeking Thee with their whole heart, they may have their need supplied, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Gelasian.*

82. *For any with whom we may have shared in Sin.*

Ant. When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

℣ Let not my brother be destroyed through my fault:

℟ *For whom Christ died.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, the Author of all forgiveness, have mercy upon me and all those with whom I have at any time shared in sin, whether by counsel or provocation, by example or

co-operation. Perfect in me the repentance which I express, and let my prayer avail to the renewal within them of that holiness which I have failed to guard, that we may find mercy in the day of judgment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

83. *For all whom we have loved.*

Ant. The Lord grant unto them that they may find mercy of the Lord in that day.

℣ The souls of the faithful are in the hand of God:

℟ *And the accuser of our brethren shall be cast out.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Resurrection and the Life of Thine elect, grant that those who have been joined with us in earthly love and the ministration of grace may live with us for ever in the mansions of our Father's house, for which we long; and though by the malice of the tempter they may have been polluted by many stains of sin, yet do Thou, O Lord, Who alone art mighty, remember their offences no more, that the accuser of the brethren may have no power to touch them in the great day, but, beholding them by Thy mercy partakers of Thy beatitude, may confess the glory of Thy triumph, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

84. *For those who have Benefited us in Worldly Things.*

O GOD, forasmuch as earthly love is but the image of Thine own eternal charity, be gracious unto those who have benefited me in various ways [*especially*]. Let the good things of earth which I have acquired through their industry, care, wisdom, counsel, rise up before Thee as a memorial, and do Thou reward them with the abundant riches of Thy grace, that the love which is begun on earth may be perfected in the glory of Thine own revelation, from Whom all true love comes, and in Whom it shall be consummated; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

85. *For those who have Ministered to us in Spiritual Things.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who art the Giver of all good things, I praise Thee for Thy blessings vouchsafed to me by the hands of Thy servants [. . . .]. Perfect Thy work in their hearts according to the fulness of Thy love, and grant that I, keeping the grace which I have received through their instrumentality, may give them cause to rejoice with me in its growth; and that, by the manifold fruit of their ministrations, the thanksgivings of many may abound for them in the day of reward; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

86. *For those who Worship habitually along with us.*

O MERCIFUL and loving Lord Jesus Christ, bless, we pray Thee, all those in this parish who are diligent in Thy worship along with us in Thy holy house [*especially*]. Teach us all by faith to realize the mysteries in which we are permitted to share, that we may be strengthened for the difficulties of our life in the world, and may be perfected according to Thy will, so as hereafter to join in perpetual adoration with Thy redeemed in Thy glory. Amen.

87. *For those who are associated with us in any Rule of Prayer, or of Religious Life.*

REGARD, we beseech Thee, most gracious Lord Jesus Christ, all our associates in prayer, and let our united devotion redound to Thy glory and the supply of our individual needs, not according to our unworthiness, but according to the truth of Thy most holy promise, so that having now agreed together for Thy worship, although separated by outward circumstances, we may (together) worship Thee face to face, in the visible unity of Thy glorified Body, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

88. *For those who have at any time been under our care.*

O ETERNAL GOD, Whose never-failing providence watcheth over all from the begin-

ning to the end, keep under Thy protection all those who have at any time been committed to my care [*especially*]; and grant, I beseech Thee, that the ties which have been formed between us may neither through sin be broken, nor through multiplicity of worldly cares be forgotten, and that whatsoever good I may have been permitted to communicate to them from Thee, may be found after many days matured in fruitfulness by Thy holy power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

89. *For use in the Brotherhood of the Holy Trinity, Oxford.*

REMEMBER, O Lord, according to their several necessities, our brethren whose names Thou knowest, and grant that we may each of us this day do that which is well pleasing in Thy sight: think upon us, O Lord, for good, and spare us according to the greatness of Thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

90. *For our Enemies.*

Ant. I say unto you, love your enemies, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.

℣ Love cometh from Thee, O God:

℟ *And it is Thou Who makest men to be of one mind in an house.*

a.

MOST merciful and loving Father, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, but intendest

rather by Thy long-suffering to bring all men to repentance; We beseech Thee to pour out upon our enemies, with Thy bountiful hand, whatsoever may do them good [*especially*], and chiefly give them a sound and uncorrupt mind, that they may know Thee, and seek Thee in true charity, with their whole heart, and may love us, Thy children, for Thy sake, beginning even now to walk with us by mutual love in the way of eternal life, as we hope to be partakers together of the same citizenship in the one everlasting city; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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b.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, I beseech Thee forgive mine enemies all their sins against Thee, and give me that measure of grace, that for their hatred I may love them; for their cursing I may bless them, for their injury I may do them good, and for their persecution I may pray for them, after Thine example, Who didst die for us sinners; Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

ARCHBISHOP LAUD.

91. *For any Parish in which we are specially interested.*

Ant. I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will

pour My Spirit upon Thy seed, and My Blessing upon Thine offspring.

℣ O Lord, look down from heaven:

℟ *Behold, and visit this vine.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of us Thy servants, and grant unto this parish [*and*] all things that are needful for its spiritual welfare: Schools wherein to bring up the young in Thy faith and fear; Ministers to labour in this portion of Thy vineyard; [a Church restored to the beauty of holiness.] Strengthen and increase the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of Thy truth; bring all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of Thy holy Church: to the honour and glory of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR THE SICK.

92. *For Comfort and Defence.*

Ant. The Lord delivereth the souls of His servants; and all they that put their trust in Him shall not be destitute.

℣ O Lord, save Thy servant:

℟ *Which putteth his trust in Thee.*

a.

O LORD, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve this Thy servant. Look upon *him* with the eyes of Thy mercy, give *him* comfort and sure confidence in Thee, defend *him* from the danger of the enemy, and keep *him* in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Anglican.*

b.

O LORD, I beseech Thee to refresh the soul of Thy servant [. . . .], visited with sickness, that by the due acceptance of this chastisement, it may know the health of Thy grace and the joy of Thy salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Gregorian.*

93. *For Sanctification and Amendment.*

Ant. Before I was troubled I went wrong: but now have I kept Thy word.

℣ My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord:

℟ *Nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him.*

a.

HEAR us, Almighty and most merciful God and Saviour; extend Thy accustomed goodness to this Thy servant who is grieved with sickness. Sanctify, we beseech Thee, this Thy fatherly correction to *him;* that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance: that if it shall be Thy good pleasure to restore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may lead the residue of *his* life in Thy fear, and to Thy glory; or else, give *him* grace so to take Thy visitation, that after this painful life ended, *he* may dwell with Thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anglican.

b.

O LORD, forasmuch as it is an easy thing with Thee to give life to the dead, restore, we pray Thee, to the sick their former health, and grant that they who seek the healing of Thy heavenly mercy may also obtain the remedies necessary for the body; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gothic.

c.

WE implore Thy mercy, O Lord, the Giver of all health, on behalf of our brethren who are troubled with manifold diseases by reason of the infirmity of the flesh, that Thou, who alone canst relieve them, wilt be pleased to visit them

with Thy gracious presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Gallican.*

94. *For a Woman with Child.*

Ant. Her children arise up, and call her blessed.

℣ O Lord, forget not Thine handmaid:

℟ *And let the fruit of her womb be blessed.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who didst ordain child-bearing as the instrument of our salvation by the Incarnation of Thine Only-Begotten Son, be gracious unto Thy servant, and enable her in safety to bring forth her child, and to train that child in holiness for the fruition of Thine eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

95. *After Child Birth.*

Ant. She bare a son, and said, Now will I praise the Lord.

℣ Gracious is the Lord, and righteous:

℟ *Yea, our God is merciful.*

O GOD, from Whom cometh our life, be gracious unto Thy servant, and grant that the child which Thou hast given her may be her companion and solace in this world, and may partake with her in the life of the Resurrection, evermore to praise Thy Holy Name in the multitude of Thine elect children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

96. *During Recovery.*

Ant. As thy days, so shall thy strength be.

℣ O Lord, in Thee have I trusted:

℟ *Let me never be confounded.*

O GOD, Who hast delivered Thy servant from the perils of childbirth, grant that she may regain her bodily strength, and may be enabled to tend the child which Thou hast given her with the fulness of a mother's care, whilst relying in all things upon Thy Fatherly Love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

97. *For Patience and Recovery.*

Ant. Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but Thou hast, in love to my soul, delivered it from the pit of corruption: for Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back.

℣ The Lord bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up:

℟ *And the prayer of faith shall save the sick.*

ALMIGHTY, everliving God, Maker of mankind, Who dost correct those whom Thou dost love, and chastise every one whom Thou dost receive; We beseech Thee to have mercy upon this Thy servant visited with Thine hand, and to grant that *he* may take *his* sickness patiently, and recover *his* bodily health (if it be Thy gracious will); and whensoever *his* soul shall depart from the body, it may be without spot presented unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen *Anglican.*

98. *For a Sick Child.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, and merciful Father, to Whom alone belong the issues of life and death; Look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, with the eyes of Thy mercy upon this child now lying upon the bed of sickness: Visit *him*, O Lord, with Thy salvation; deliver *him* in Thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and save *his* soul for Thy mercies' sake: That, if it shall be Thy pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to Thee, and be an instrument of Thy glory, by serving Thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation; or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of them that sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for Thy mercies' sake, in the same Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Anglican.

99. *For those who are left alone all day.*

O GOD, Who hast fashioned our nature for the enjoyment of friendly intercourse, be Thou with the lonely [*especially*], and teach them by Thy Holy Spirit to realize in the communion of Thy saints, the satisfaction of the longings which cannot naturally be supplied for them. Open their ears that they may hear Thee speaking to them, and pour into their hearts such holy inspirations that they may take their part with angels and archangels, and with all

the company of heaven, in praising Thy glorious Name. As Thou hast shut them in from the distractions of the world, reveal to them the blessedness of Thy heavenly mysteries, that their life on earth may be sanctified by a devotion to be continued hereafter in the visible fellowship of all Thy true servants; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

100. *For those whose Friends do not understand them.*

O GOD, forasmuch as the hearts of all men and their several needs are open unto Thee, comfort, we beseech Thee, with Thy grace all those who, in the midst of natural suffering, are destitute of any who can sympathise with their pain [*especially*]. Grant that they, thus finding the insufficiency of earthly love, may seek that strength which Thou art ever ready to impart, and that their relatives, beholding in them the manifest operation of Thy Holy Spirit, may praise Thee on their behalf, and be brought to the more perfect exercise of the due charity towards them; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

101. *For those who have no suitable Alleviations.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast provided earthly means of solace lest we should sink under the pressure of bodily necessity, have mercy upon Thy servants who are destitute of

those comforts which their pains make specially needful to them. Give them such measure of earthly things as is consistent with the well-being of their soul, and enable them to recognise Thy wisdom in chastening, Thy power in sustaining, and Thy goodness in providing for them. Be Thou their Comforter, and make Thy grace manifest as the true riches for the relief of their poverty, their sustenance in hunger, their refreshment in weariness, the water of life to soothe them in times of fever, the fire of heaven to enkindle them when deadened by coldness. Do Thou, Who knowest their weakness, mercifully supply all their need, and bring them to realize increasingly the satisfaction which those shall find in Thee, who attain to Thy glory; through Thy Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

102. *For the Deaf.*

O LORD, speak, we beseech Thee, with the voice of Thy Holy Spirit in the hearts of those who cannot hear the instruction of Thy ministers [*especially*], and grant that whatsoever truths of Thy revelation they have learnt in former time, may be brought to their remembrance by His quickening power, so that the eyes of their understanding being opened to contemplate those mysteries, which by the hearing of the ear they are no longer able to receive, they may advance in Thy knowledge; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

103. *For the Blind.*

O GOD, Who hast sent Thy Son to be the true Light of the world, grant that they who cannot see the things of the world may be the more fully enlightened and comforted by His inward guidance. Cheer them in their blindness with Thy heavenly manifestations. Show Thyself to such as know Thee not, and grant that they may thankfully accept the loss of earthly sight, as the means ordained of Thee for bringing their hearts to the contemplation of their own misery and of Thy holiness. Quicken those who know Thee by faith to a deeper intuition of Thy purity, that, beholding Thee with increasing love, they may become the more conformed to Thine Image, until they behold Thee as Thou art, and awake to the full revelation of Thy glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

104. *For those who cannot Read.*

O HEAVENLY FATHER, send forth Thy Spirit, we beseech Thee, to instruct the hearts of those who, by want of education or the coming on of infirmity, are unable to read Thy word. Reveal Thy dear Son within them, as the Source of all wisdom, and grant that they, abiding in the strength of the life which is in Him, may all, according to their several needs, have their penitence deepened, their confidence chastened, their obedience perfected, their love regulated, their meditation instructed, their con-

temptation sweetened, their ignorance enlightened, their simplicity accepted, their resolutions strengthened, and their sufferings sanctified; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

105. *For one whose Illness has been occasioned by Works of Duty.*

Ant. The Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.

℣ My heart and my strength faileth:

℟ *But Thou, O God, art the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.*

LOOK favourably, O Lord, we beseech Thee, upon Thy servant [.], and mercifully grant that, as the health of *his* body has been impaired by that which Thy good Providence has called *him* to do, so *his* spiritual being may be perfected in faith and patience by Thy present discipline of suffering, and that in seclusion from labour, as long as it is Thy good pleasure so to appoint, *he* may enjoy the closer communion with Thee, Whom *he* loved to serve and longs to behold; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

106. *For those whose Illness has been the result of past Sin.*

Ant. Thou, O Lord, keepest our souls from the pit, and our life from perishing by the sword of the enemy.

℣ Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour:
℟ *And let Thine anger cease from us.*

WE beseech Thee, Almighty God that, as the goodness of Thy long-suffering calls us to repentance, so Thou wouldest give grace to Thy servants now visited by Thy chastisements, enabling them to profit by this merciful dispensation with sincere contrition and self-abasement for all the errors of their former life. Open their eyes to the contemplation of Thy justice which they have offended. Fill their hearts with a devout acknowledgment of Thy mercy, whereon alone they can rely. Strengthen their resolutions, that they may break off all past habits of evil, and, judging themselves with sincerity, and humble submission to Thy decree, may escape the terrible sentence of the last day, and may praise Thee for calling them from the ways of sin; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

107. *For those who led Negligent Lives before their Illness.*

Ant. Before I was troubled I went wrong: but now have I kept Thy word.

℣ The living, the living, he shall praise Thee:

℟ *As I do this day.*

O GOD, Who hast mercifully appointed the sufferings of this present world as a means of awakening us to the responsibility of our earthly life, grant that those who are now visited

with sickness [*especially*], may by this Thy visitation be fully converted unto Thee, and realizing at length Thy love so as to obey Thy call with deep contrition for their past neglect of Thee, may return to Thy Fatherly protection so as to be healed for evermore from sin and all its consequences, and rejoice before Thee in everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

108. *For those who cannot fix their Thoughts.*

O GOD, Who needest not our words, but searchest into the hearts of Thy people, look down with Fatherly love upon Thy servants who, through weakness of body, are unable to fix their thoughts, although desiring to approach Thee with reverence. Invigorate their exhausted faculties. Tranquillize their perplexed mind. Cheer them in their despondency. Enlighten them in their darkness. Raise them out of themselves, to contemplate the joy of Thy Countenance, and establish them in their communion with Thee by the consciousness of Thine acceptance; through Jesus Christ our **Lord. Amen.**

109. *For those who have Wakeful Nights.*

SHED forth the light of Thy countenance, O Lord, we beseech Thee, upon those who cannot find rest in the season of darkness Calm them by the gracious influence of Thy Holy Spirit, and surround them with the minis-

trations of Thy holy angels. Keep their minds from all harassing thoughts and temptations of evil, and suggest to them such truths as shall be most fitted for their necessity. Keep their bodies from restlessness, and grant that they may learn, in patient waiting for the day of Thy revelation, to rejoice with Thy saints while the night of earthly life remains, that they may exult in Thy glory, when all who have persevered shall enter into Thy rest, to dwell in Thy light for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

110. *For Nervous Sufferers.*

O GOD, Who hast made our outer frame in a most wonderful manner to be the instrument of a spirit communicated to us from Thyself, be gracious to those who are troubled by the restlessness of subtle pains spread through their members. Tranquillize them by the manifestation of Thy divine power to strengthen their spirit, that they may rest in Thee. Sanctify the quickness of their outer sensation, that they may exercise with the more intensity those faculties of the inner man by which they may obtain the grace they need, and so, realizing their union with Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Who suffered for us upon the Cross, may be made perfect in Him, and found acceptable in the last day for His merits, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and with the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

111. *For those who are subject to Fits.*

O GOD, Whose mercy is over all Thy creatures, be gracious unto Thy servant, who is exposed to so great dangers from the loss of *his* own powers of self-control, whenever *he* is prostrated by the violence of *his* disease; let Thy holy angels watch over *him*, and when *his* consciousness returns to *him*, quicken *him* with the deeper gratitude to Thine Almighty love, that *he*, resting in Thy love amidst the accidents of the world, may attain to Thy glory, when Thy love shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

112. *For Chronic Sufferers.*

WE beseech Thee, most merciful God and Father, that as Thou givest Thy servant lengthened suffering, so Thou wilt give *him* faith and patience in the acceptance of Thy will, to offer *himself* up without reserve to Thee, that *he* may be purged from all the remains of *his* natural self, and may be accepted of Thee; through the merits of Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

113. *For those in Prolonged Illness.*

O GOD, Who dost mercifully accept the offering of our weakness, give Thy servant grace to abide in communion with Thee, that the lengthened season of sickness which hinders *his* work in the world may train *him* for the con-

templation of Thy glory in the life of the blessed; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

114. *For Hysterical Patients.*

O LORD, have mercy upon Thy servants [. . . .]. Take away from them all diseased imagination and undue excitement, that their bodies being restored to the fitting tranquillity, they may be enabled to exercise all their faculties to the glory of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

115. *For those whose Disease is Imaginary.*

O GOD, Who didst create all things out of nothing, bring Thy servants [.] to look to Thee and the power of Thy true Word, so as to be delivered from the bondage of their outer nature and the falsehood of its sensations, that, as Thou hast given them faculties with which to serve Thee, they may offer to Thee the praise of constant gratitude with joyful hearts; through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer. **Amen.**

116. *For those who are losing their Minds.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who givest to all men liberally, and withdrawest Thy gifts according to the wise dispensation of Thy love, have mercy upon Thy servant [.], and pour out on *him* Thy grace, that *he* may give

himself up into Thy hands without reserve. May Thy Holy Spirit so rule *his* heart, that *he*, abiding in Thy peace, may be thankful to exercise, according to the measure of Thine appointment, those faculties which Thou givest *him*, and in submission to Thy will may find the illumination of Thy heavenly wisdom. Whatever of earthly knowledge Thou mayest withdraw from *his* mind, suffer *him* not to lose that knowledge of Thee wherein our everlasting life consists. Whatever delusions may from time to time disquiet *his* outer thoughts, suffer not the deceits of the tempter to draw *him* away from the blessedness of communion with Thee. Give Thy holy angels charge concerning *him*, and even through the darkness compass *him* round; protect *him* evermore, and grant that, in body, soul, and spirit, *he* may in the end be presented faultless before the throne of Thy Majesty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

117. *For Lunatics.*

O HEAVENLY FATHER, may Thy supernatural power sustain and comfort Thy servants who have lost the natural faculties of reason and self-control. Suffer not the Evil One to vex them. Impute not unto them the unseemliness of word or action into which they fall. Look upon them graciously, as redeemed by the Blood of Thy dear Son; and grant that they, finding Him their only Wisdom, may be delivered from the darkness of the world, and

attain to the glory of Thine immediate Presence; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

118. *For Persons about to undergo an Operation.*

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that this Thy servant may be strengthened to bear the pain of the approaching operation, with entire reliance upon Thy grace and Thy love, so that the suffering of the body, being sanctified by union with the pain which Thy dear Son bore for us upon the Cross, may be instrumental towards the obtaining of Thy manifold gifts, for the perfection of *his* soul in the energy of the Divine Life; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

119. *For the same.*

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that this Thy servant may have bodily strength so as not to sink under the pain which Thou hast appointed for *him* to undergo, and also grace to receive that blessing which Thou intendest by this pain to bestow upon *him;* through Jesus Christ, Who suffered for us upon the Cross, Who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

120. *For Persons recovering from Sickness.*

O GOD, the Giver of life and health, we praise Thee for Thy mercy which Thou hast shown

in restoring this Thy servant to some measure of health. Enable *him* to use for Thy glory those faculties which Thou hast given *him*, that the renewal of *his* bodily strength may not cause *his* desires to rest on earthly objects, but rather incline *him*, by the remembrance of *his* great danger, to live as one separated from the world, so that *he* may set about all *his* actions with a more stedfast endeavour to be found in the end acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

121. *For a Sick Person when there appeareth small hope of Recovery.*

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We fly unto Thee for succour in behalf of this Thy servant, here lying under Thy hand in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon *him*, O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen *him*, we beseech Thee, so much the more continually with Thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* life past, and stedfast faith in Thy Son Jesus; that *his* sins may be done away by Thy mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in heaven, before *he* go hence, and be no more seen. We know, O Lord, that there is no word impossible with Thee; and that, if Thou wilt, Thou canst even yet raise *him* up, and grant *him* a longer continuance amongst us: Yet, forasmuch as in all appearance the time of *his* dissolution draweth near, so fit and prepare

him, we beseech Thee, against the hour of death, that after *his* departure hence in peace, and in Thy favour, *his* soul may be received into Thine everlasting kingdom; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour. Amen. *Anglican.*

122. *For the Aged.*

Ant. Even to your old age, I am He: and even to hoar hairs will I carry you.

℣ Thy truth, O Lord, endureth for ever:

℟ *And Thou never failest them that put their trust in Thee.*

O LORD GOD, Who hast mercifully ordained our weakness as a means of weaning us from the world, ere we be called into Thine immediate Presence; Have mercy upon the aged. Pardon the sins of their earlier life. Grant that they may use for penitence the time which remains. [Destroy whatever may be lingering within them of the longing for this world's gain, or social mirth. Open their eyes to the solemnity of the end which is approaching. Provide for them the instruction, the warning, and the consolation of Thy minister, and make them disposed to profit thereby. Arouse them out of false security. Quicken their prayers with faith and love. Soften their prejudices. Calm their tempers. Deliver them from habits of long-continued sin. Bring them to realize the efficacy of the means of Thy restoring grace. Fix their hearts upon objects of Divine satisfac-

tion. Give them a foretaste of the joy of Thine everlasting kingdom. Stablish their hearts in the tranquillity of a life hallowed by communion with Thee. In their hours of wakeful repose, let Thy Holy Spirit refresh them with the consciousness of Thy ceaseless care. In their slumber, let Him seal to them instruction by His mysterious power. In their pain, let Him strengthen them to accomplish the work for which their life is prolonged. In their exhaustion, let Him so control them that they may rejoice to depend only upon Thee. Enable them to assist others by word and example in the way of holiness. Draw them to habitual intercession on behalf of those for whom they can no longer work.] Gladden them with domestic happiness by the children whom Thou hast given them. Sweeten their solitude, if they are alone, by Thine own all sufficing comfort. Perfect them, as their outer faculties decay, in the maturity of their spiritual energies, that they, having lived on earth in the communion of Thy saints, may attain, when the time of weakness and expectation shall be over, to a glorious resurrection of the flesh, and the eternal blessedness of Thy children: through the merits and mediation of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

123. *For Dying Persons.*

Ant. To this end Christ both died and rose and revived: that He might be Lord both of the dead and living.

℣ The souls of the faithful are in the hand of God:

℟ *Who preserveth them that are true of heart.*

a.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, with Whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prison; We humbly commend the soul of this Thy servant, our dear *brother*, into Thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour; most humbly beseeching Thee, that it may be precious in Thy sight. Wash it, we pray Thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before Thee. And teach us who survive, in this and other like daily spectacles of mortality, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting; through the merits of Jesus Christ Thine only Son our Lord. Amen.

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b.

O LORD JESUS, we beseech Thee by the anguish of Thy soul when Thou didst hang upon the Cross, to have mercy upon all those who

are at this moment near to death, and as Thou didst commend Thy Spirit into the hands of The Father, grant that they whom Thou hast vouchsafed to make members of Thy mystical Body may be made partakers of the reconciliation which Thou hast effected, that their souls may enter into the rest which Thou hast obtained, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

124. *For the Relatives of Persons recently deceased.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, we beseech Thee to comfort these Thy servants in their present sorrow; and as Thou didst send the Holy Ghost to be the Comforter of Thy people, strengthen them by the manifestation of His gracious indwelling, that they may be enabled to contemplate the joy of that better Home where Thou art ever seen and worshipped as the Light and Satisfaction of Thine Elect, Who dwellest with the Father in the unity of the same Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

125. *For the same.*

O GRACIOUS FATHER, enable these Thy servants to bow before Thee in humble submission to Thy Divine appointment. Draw them, we pray Thee, unto Thyself, that while they mourn the loss of *him* they have so much loved, they may obtain consolation in the fuller

knowledge of that love of Thine which at the first provided for them so great an earthly blessing, and is effectual to supply the place of every gift which Thy wisdom removes; and grant them, when this life of trial is ended, to find with *him* who has been taken from them a merciful judgment in the last day, and a joyful entrance into Thy glory; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

126. *For the same.*

O GOD, the Protector of them that put their trust in Thee, do Thou mercifully comfort Thy servants in their present sorrow, relieve them in every future difficulty, and teach them, as earthly means of reliance are withdrawn, to confide the more simply in Thy fatherly care, Who hast promised to supply all our need; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

127. *For Persons troubled in Mind or in Conscience.*

O BLESSED LORD, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comforts; We beseech Thee, look down in pity and compassion upon this Thy afflicted servant. Thou writest bitter things against *him*, and makest *him* to possess *his* former iniquities; Thy wrath lieth hard upon *him*, and *his* soul is full of trouble: But, O merciful God, Who hast written Thy holy Word for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of Thy holy Scriptures, might have hope;

give *him* a right understanding of *himself*, and of Thy threats and promises; that he may neither cast away *his* confidence in Thee, nor place it anywhere but in Thee. Give *him* strength against all *his* temptations, and heal all *his* distempers. Break not the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax. Shut not up Thy tender mercies in displeasure; but make *him* to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice. Deliver *him* from fear of the enemy, and lift up the light of Thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Anglican.*

128. *For one tempted to despair.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who when we were in the bondage of sin didst send Thy Son Jesus Christ to be our deliverer, have mercy upon Thy servant [. . . .], now well-nigh overwhelmed again in the terrors of the enemy. Quicken *his* heart with grateful love to Thyself, that *he* may approach Thee with such simplicity of confession and tender shame of conscience, as shall enable *him*, whilst accepting the discipline of Thy fatherly love, to trust with thankfulness in Thine inexhaustible mercy. Suffer not the evil one to dry up *his* heart in fruitless remorse; but let the inspiration of Thy grace, melting *him* in tears of acceptable sorrow, make the seed of Thy holy Word to bring forth fruit. Reveal to *him* the efficacy of the death and passion of Thy dear Son, as the atonement for all sin. Teach *him* to

seek renewal unto holiness in the sympathy of the Good Shepherd, Who was pierced upon the Cross, Who liveth now to make intercession for such as are out of the way. Stablish *him* with Thy free Spirit in the joyous obedience of Thy children. Open *his* eyes, that *he* may understand the law of Thy new Covenant, and may realize the Divine and comfortable assistance of our Great High-Priest in the ministry of reconciliation confided to Thy holy Church. Give *him* faith, that *he* may cry out unto Thee. Bring *him* under the shelter of Thy wings, and put *his* enemies to flight, that *he* may be kept in Thy peace, and praise Thee as the God of *his* health for ever; through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

129. *For those who are hardened under Suffering.*

O GOD, Who of Thine infinite long-suffering dost call us to repentance, have mercy upon [. . . .]. Open *his* eyes to *his* danger ere it be too late. Open *his* ears to Thy call. Open his heart to Thy love. O merciful Lord, Who in very mercy dost chasten, spare *him* yet awhile, until *he* acknowledge Thy chastisement. Soften *his* heart, that *he* may no longer resist. Deliver *him* from the deceits of Satan, from the blindness of the natural understanding, from the perverseness of the natural will. Grant *him* so to feel his helplessness in Thy hands, and the love wherewith Thou, in Thine infinite power, hast

guarded *him* hitherto, that *he* may give *himself* up as an acceptable offering to Thee, and may love Thee as alone worthy to be loved; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. Amen.

130. *For those who need Special Spiritual Guidance.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who knowest our several necessities, do Thou of Thy great mercy direct aright those Thy children who are harassed by the manifold perplexities belonging to this world of darkness. Guide them with Thy heavenly light, and provide for them such counsel as may best enable them to draw near to Thee and to serve Thee, that they may return if they have erred, and may go forward in the right way if they are hesitating, and may be received into Thy glory when their perseverance has been manifested; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

131. *For Persons in Religious Perplexity.*

O GOD, the Fountain of Wisdom, Whom to know is everlasting life, and in Whom to live is to be filled with the knowledge of all things, have mercy upon the souls of Thy servants who are darkened with the shadows of perplexity, and enlighten them with the brightness of Thy Presence. Draw their hearts unto Thyself by the inspiration of Thy holy Love, that they may receive Thy gracious teaching without any distraction from the deceitful invita-

tions of natural desire. Speak to them by the suggestions of Thy Holy Spirit, and guide them by the tokens of Thy grace, that the truth of the inner voice may be made sure to them while they faithfully obey Thine outer Providence. Quicken them to search into Thy Word with holy joy, to bow before the mystery of Thy counsels with humble self-abasement, to wait for Thy perfect revelation with patient confidence. Provide them with teachers according to their necessity, to admonish, to sympathize, to guide. Strengthen them with a good courage to persevere amidst the darkness of this present life, going forward in quietness, and holding fast Thy truth in a good conscience, without fear, until they attain, with all Thy saints, to behold the manifestation of Thy glory in Thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

132. *For the Desponding.*

Ant. The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath sent Me to bind up the broken-hearted.

℣ In Thee, O Lord, have I trusted:

℟ *Let me never be confounded.*

a.

COMFORT, we beseech Thee, most gracious God, all that are cast down and faint of heart amidst the sorrows and difficulties of the world [*especially*], and grant that, by the energy of Thy Holy Spirit, they may be enabled

to go upon their way rejoicing, and give Thee continual thanks for Thy sustaining Providence; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

b. Or this.

GRANT, O Lord, we pray Thee, that they who mourn because they serve Thee not, may so realize the power of Thy Holy Spirit ever present with Thy Church, to absolve, strengthen, guide, and comfort all suffering souls, that being delivered by the ministry of reconciliation from the bondage of earthly fear, they may seek that nourishment which Thou hast provided for Thy children in the Sacrament of Thy holy altar, and, strengthened by that food, may appear before Thee in the city where the vision of Thy Peace is manifested, as here they have approached Thee in the hope of Thy most gracious promises; through the same Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

133. *For Conformity to the Divine Will.*

Ant. Let them that suffer according to the will of God, commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well-doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

℣ Teach me Thy ways, O Lord:

℟ *And I will walk in Thy paths.*

O GOD, have mercy upon Thy suffering servant [. . . .]. Give *him* such grace that *he* may not repine by reason of the weakness of the flesh, but rather, rejoicing in Thy most holy will, whatever it be, may persevere in faithful submis-

sion, however long Thou shalt be pleased to afflict *him*. Grant that in the surrender of *his* own will *he* may find the blessedness of a life really devoted to Thee, and, being sanctified by the acceptance of Thy will as the law of *his* life, may attain to the perfect exercise of Thine indwelling grace, and to the fruition of Thy blessedness, in the unity of the Holy Ghost; through the merits and mediation of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

134. *For the Sanctification of Suffering to various Classes.*

Ant. Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth.

℣ If we suffer with Christ:

℟ *We shall be also glorified together.*

O LORD JESUS, have mercy upon all sufferers. Grant them, continually meditating upon Thy holy life of suffering, to realize in weakness the strength of Thine incarnation; in pain, the triumph of Thy passion; in poverty, the riches of Thy Godhead; in reproach, the satisfaction of Thy sympathy; in loneliness, the comfort of Thy continual Presence; in difficulty, the efficacy of Thine intercession; in perplexity, the guidance of Thy wisdom; and bring them of Thy mercy, when this suffering life is past, to the glorious kingdom which, by Thy suffering, Thou didst purchase for all who would take refuge in Thy mediation. Amen.

ON CERTAIN OCCASIONS.

135. *During a War.*

1. *For Peace.*

Ant. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

℣ The Lord shall give strength unto His people:

℟ *The Lord shall give His people the blessing of peace.*

O GOD, by Whose gracious Providence all things in heaven and earth are ruled; Hear our prayers, we beseech Thee, and restore peace in our time, that we and all Christian people may praise Thy holy Name in godly union and concord; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

136.

2. *For the Restraining of Evil Passions.*

O LORD, restrain the evil passions of men, and grant that the excitement of national struggle may not interfere with the workings of individual charity in those who are looking for the common salvation; through our only Mediator and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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3. *For Loyalty in all who are Engaged.*

PARDON, O Lord, the sins by which our nation has been embroiled in this unhappy contention, and grant that none may seek their private gain to the injury of their brethren, but that all may act with loyalty and good courage until peace shall once more be granted to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

138.

4. *For the Army and Navy, vide infra* No. 161.

139.

5. *For the same.*

GRANT, O Lord, that the withdrawal of the restraints of civil order may not lead our soldiers or sailors [*especially*] to forget the restraints of Thy holy discipline, but keep them in Thy love; through Jesus Christ, the Captain of our salvation. Amen.

140.

6. *For the Sick and Dying.*

HAVE mercy, O Lord, upon the wounded and the suffering, whether of our own people or of the enemy. Let Thy grace be their comfort, although natural friends be far away. Raise them to health if it be good; but chiefly give

them such faith and patience that they may glorify Thee upon the earth, and escaping safe from the assaults of Satan, may rest in peace, and rise to partake of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

141. *During a Pestilence.*

Ant. Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed.

℣. We carry the sentence of death in ourselves:

℟. *That we should not trust in ourselves, but in God, Which raiseth the dead.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, from Whom is derived our life, both in nature and in grace; remove from us, we beseech Thee, if it be Thy good will, the disease which Thou hast seen fit to bring upon us, and grant that we may not forget those lessons which it was intended to teach, but humbling ourselves before Thee in lasting penitence for those sins by which we have merited Thy wrath, may praise Thy Name for Thy mercy; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

142. *During a Famine.*

Ant. If there be famine in the land, what prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all Thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands towards this house:

then hear Thou from heaven Thy dwelling-place and forgive, and do and give to every man according to his ways.

℣ Thou openest Thine hand:

℟ *And fillest all things living with plenteousness.*

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all, spare us while we cry out unto Thee; provide us with the food needful for our life in the world; enable us to look to Thee for the Bread of immortality; quicken the liberality of the rich, that they may help the poor in their distress; strengthen the faith of the poor, that they fall not into sin through their necessity; pardon us all, and withdraw Thine anger; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

143. *After some Fatal Calamity.*

Ant. In all our afflictions He was afflicted.

℣ Haste Thee to help me:

℟ *O Lord God of my salvation.*

HAVE mercy, O Lord, upon all those who have suffered in our recent affliction; supply their outward need, and grant that the present distress may awaken many to energy and love, so that we all, glorifying Thy holy Name, may experience in our sorrows the blessedness of His help Who bore our sorrows; and when this life of sorrows shall be ended, may commit our souls, along with all those whom we have loved, to Thy most holy keeping; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

144. *During a Period of Religious Excitement.*

Ant. The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

℣ Let us endeavour to keep the unity of the Spirit:

℟ *In the bond of peace.*

O THOU Prince of Peace, quell the angry passions of mankind by the influence of Thy Holy Spirit, and bring us all to worship Thee in brotherly love, that we may not forfeit Thy grace by natural infirmity, but may triumph over nature by abiding in Thee, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God- world without end. Amen

145. *At Times of Merry-making, Club-feasts, &c.*

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that this our season of rejoicing may be so ordered by the sanctifying power of Thy Holy Spirit, that we forfeit not our title to be numbered amongst Thy faithful people. Control the words of all; restrain their appetites; hallow their intercourse; keep away the occasions of disagreement; subdue the uprisings of angry passions; shed abroad the spirit of meekness and forbearance; teach all of every class to rejoice one with another; quicken them to actions of brotherly love; grant that whatsoever holy suggestions they may any of them receive they may carefully cherish; and

fill them with such gladness of heart, that they, realizing in earthly things the gift of Thy boundless Love, may be encouraged thereby to press onward to the enjoyment of Thyself, when all Thy goodness shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

146. *The same.*

O GOD, Who watchest with a tender love for the souls of men redeemed by Thy dear Son, have mercy upon the crowds at this time gathered together; and where sin is abounding make Thy grace to abound yet more, that the triumph of Thy redemption may be manifested in the deliverance of many sinners from the thraldom of evil passions and worldly lusts. Awaken those who are not thinking of Thee, and guide in the way of truth all such as are beginning to feel their need of Thee. Enlighten their consciences to know sin, and strengthen their resolutions to resist it. Open to them the means of amendment, and give them grace to profit by the opportunities which Thou vouchsafest to them. Pardon their sins, and quicken them unto holiness. Visit not this place for the sins which we have done, but hear our cry for mercy, and be gracious unto us, though we have deserved Thine anger. Convert the wilful, and spare us all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR VARIOUS CLASSES OF MEN.

147. *For the Queen.*

Ant. Blessed be our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto.

℣ Fear God, and honour the King:

℟ *For he is the minister of God to thee for good.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we are taught by Thy holy Word, that the hearts of kings are in Thy rule and governance, and that Thou dost dispose and turn them as it seemeth best to Thy godly wisdom; We humbly beseech Thee so to dispose and govern the heart of *VICTORIA* Thy Servant, our Queen and Governour that in all her thoughts, words, and works, she may ever seek Thy honour and glory, and study to preserve Thy people committed to her charge, in wealth, peace, and godliness: Grant this, O merciful Father, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Anglican.*

148. *For the Royal Family.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech Thee to bless *Albert Edward* Prince of *Wales*, the Princess of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with Thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with Thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to Thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** ***Anglican.***

149. *For all at Court.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, the source of all rightful power amongst us Thy creatures, give Thy grace unto our Sovereign Lady Queen *VICTORIA*, and all the Royal Family, that acknowledging their power to be dependent on Thy supreme Majesty, they may come to reign with Thee in Thine everlasting kingdom. Grant also that the spirit of godliness, ruling their hearts, may quicken all those who are round about them to a sense of the nothingness of earthly glory, and the necessity of striving after that which is eternal. So may all their counsels and actions be directed to Thine honour, and the nation at large be brought to participate in Thine acceptance of their faith; through Jesus Christ our **Lord. Amen.**

150. *For the Parliament.*

MOST gracious God, we humbly beseech Thee, as for this Kingdom in general, so espe-

cially for the High Court of Parliament, under our most religious and gracious Queen at this time assembled: That Thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of Thy glory, the good of Thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign and her Dominions; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessaries, for them, for us, and Thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the Name and Mediation of Jesus Christ our most blessed Lord and Saviour. **Amen.** ***Anglican.***

151. *For all Sovereign Rulers.*

O HEAVENLY FATHER, we bend the knee before Thee on behalf of all kings, princes, and governors of this world, beseeching Thee to grant unto them by Thy inspiration to rule in righteousness, to rejoice in peace, to shine in piety, and to labour for the well-being of the people committed unto them, so that by the rectitude of their government all faithful people may live without disturbance in the knowledge of Thee, and labour without hindrance for Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mozarabic.

152. *For the Right Distribution of Patronage.*

Ant. He chose David, His servant, and took

him away from the sheepfold, that he might feed Jacob His people and Israel His inheritance.

℣ Power belongeth unto God:

℟ *And He appointeth to every man the bounds of his habitation.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who rulest in the affairs of men, and givest power to whomsoever Thou wilt; Grant that those who shall be appointed to any high office, whether in Church or State [*naming any if vacant*], may with such purity of faith and singleness of intention devote themselves to Thy glory, that they may prosper in the work intrusted to them, and while they adorn by their pious conversation the doctrine of our Saviour Jesus Christ, may win others to the love of Thine adorable Name, and the exercise of Thy holy religion; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

153. *For the Rich.*

Ant. Trust not in uncertain riches, but in the living God, Who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.

℣ Blessed are the poor in spirit:

℟ *For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, pardon the luxury of our age, and grant that those who live in stately dwellings, and fare sumptuously every day, may be brought so to hunger and thirst after righteousness, that they may be filled with Thine everlasting

sweetness, and may not be shut out from the eternal Home which Thou hast provided for such as wait upon Thee in holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

154. *For the Increase of Liberality in them.*

O GOD, Who in the ample provision of Thy bounty hast appointed that all men should minister one to another of those gifts which Thou hast bestowed upon them; Have mercy upon all such as neglect to use the wealth of the world for the wants of their brethren, and grant that they, remembering the account which they must one day give respecting those talents entrusted to their stewardship, may be brought by Thy grace to poverty of spirit, and may attain to the kingdom of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

155. *For the Nobility.*

O GOD, Who for the good of all hast appointed that some should be born in stations of eminence among mankind; Grant unto the nobility of our own and other lands that they may use their dignity to Thy glory, remembering that Thou hast given it to them as the appointed means of their probation, by which to obtain the everlasting inheritance of Thy faithful children, in the exercise of humility before Thee, and of charity towards their brethren; and make them to be found worthy of the true greatness, and to

shine forth among Thy saints as the stars in the firmament, with the brightness of Thy divine love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

156. *For Landed Proprietors.*

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, that all those to whom Thou hast given positions of influence may praise Thee in their lives, honour Thee with their wealth, and induce others by their example to seek for that incorruptible inheritance which Thy beloved Son will give to all who have followed Him in meekness and purity and faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

157. *For the Commercial Relations of Society.*

MOST just and holy God, Who requirest truth in the inward parts, and hast ordained love to be the bond of society, so fill us with truth and love, that in their exercise we may obtain that security of good which no devices of self-interest can acquire. Pardon the dishonest practices of our age, and grant that we may deal according to that truth wherewith we expect to be judged, and exercise that love wherewith we hope to be pardoned; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

158. *For Persons who have lost their Property.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, and heavenly Father, Who givest and takest away according to

the wisdom of Thy Love, grant they who have lost the property which once was theirs upon earth, may be drawn the more earnestly to make sure of their heavenly inheritance, that being poor in spirit, they may attain Thy kingdom and be partakers of Thy true riches; through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

159. *For Persons who have suddenly acquired Property.*

O GOD, from Whom all good things come, both in earth and heaven, grant that they who have recently acquired wealth may have grace so to use it to Thy glory that it turn not to the impoverishment of their souls, but, being sanctified by devotion to Thee, may be multiplied according to the reward of Thy Love in spiritual benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

160. *For those engaged in Commerce.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, enlighten all merchants and tradesmen with the gift of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may consider not what the world would sanction, but what Thy law demands. Prosper with Thy blessing all who are thus striving to regulate their dealings by the rule of truth and love, and if difficulty compass them in the world, quicken Thou within them such a desire of laying up treasure in heaven, as may cause them with an entire satisfaction to accept Thy perfect will, teaching them so to use earthly

things, that they may become partakers of the true riches which cannot fail; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

161. *For the Army and Navy.*

BLESS, O Lord, our soldiers and sailors, of whatever rank or quality: Grant that in the midst of every temptation which besets them they may fight manfully against the world, the flesh, and the devil; and, resisting all evil by the spirit of Thy ghostly strength, may acquire true courage in the victory of faith. Prosper them in the maintenance of our country's honour, and keep them safe from enemies spiritual and temporal, that they may glorify Thee upon the earth until they are called to rest in the triumph of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

162. *For Lawyers.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, by Whom the will of the Father is revealed; Grant, we beseech Thee, that those who give themselves to the study of earthly law may constantly acknowledge the supremacy of Thy divine justice, so that in all causes they may seek truth and not victory, and that their own lives may be purified by the law of Thy Holy Spirit, and the remembrance of that strict account which they must one day give of every thought and word and deed, before Thy judgment-seat; Who livest and

reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

163. *For Medical Men.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, receive our prayers for those who minister Thy gifts of nature to the healing of our bodies, and shed down upon them the gifts of Thy grace, that their own souls may be recovered from every taint of sin. Let their familiarity with the mystery of outward life incline their hearts to the contemplation of Thine eternal Being, Who hast life in Thyself, and art the fountain of life to all; and let the healing properties of Thy creatures, which they administer, evermore remind them of the gifts of renewal according to Thine own holiness, which Thou dost communicate in sacramental energies from the Body of Thy Son, Himself the Medicine of immortality and the Great Physician; through Whom we commend to Thee our prayers and ourselves, that Thou mayest hear us and heal us. Amen.

164. *For Men of Literature and Science.*

O THOU Fountain of Wisdom, Who givest to all men liberally and upbraidest not; Grant that those on whom Thou hast bestowed intelligence for the knowledge of earthly things, may have the eyes of their understanding opened to the knowledge of things divine, and so fill them with Thy holy inspiration that they, subjecting

their reason to Thine eternal truth, may with purity of heart and integrity of faith both bring to nought the falsehood of men of corrupt mind, and set forward the authority of Thy most holy revelation, to the saving of their own souls, and of others also; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

165. *For Schoolmasters and others engaged in Tuition.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who by Thy Holy Spirit dost teach Thy faithful people what alone is worthy of knowledge; Grant unto all who have the guardianship of children, that by the same Spirit working with them, they may diligently instruct those who are committed to their charge to do the works of piety which befit their years; and train them also so to make progress in learning, that in riper age they may glorify Thy holy Name, and help forward the edification of Thy Church by counsel, example, and prayer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

166. *For those who are engaged in Works of Mercy.*

BLESS, O Lord, we beseech Thee, all those who are devoted to serve Thee in works of charity, as well for the training of the young as for the reclaiming of the fallen [*especially*]. Also those who are occupied in the visiting of the sick, the poor, and the ignorant [*especially*]. Accept their labours, and grant that

while they sympathise with others in their necessity and sorrow, they may bring them to share the joy of the Divine Life wherein they live, and may with them attain to that fulness of spiritual perfection which they desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

167. *For Church Schools and Homes of Mercy.*

VOUCHSAFE, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to prosper with Thy blessing all institutions designed for the promotion of Thy glory and the good of souls [*especially*]; Grant that those who serve Thee in religious houses, hospitals, schools, may set Thy holy will ever before them, and do that which is well-pleasing in Thy sight, and persevere in Thy service unto the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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168. *For the Charitable.*

O LORD, graciously receive the prayers of Thy faithful servants, that they who in remembrance of Thy heavenly precepts, minister to Thy poor the things which are necessary for the body, may themselves obtain from Thy compassionate mercy the heavenly crown of glory which passeth not away; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

169. *For those who are engaged in Church Building.*

O GOD, Who didst bless Solomon in the building of the Temple, look graciously upon all endeavours to restore the outer fabrics of Thy Church, and to create new places for Thine honour and worship. Grant that they who are engaged in forwarding these necessary works may themselves be built up as lively stones in Thy heavenly Temple, and shine with glory in the mystical Body of Thy dear Son; through His merits, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

170. *For those who are about to undertake any Good Work for Christ's Church.*

O LORD, we beseech Thee to accept the endeavours of Thy servant (*in doing this*), and grant that it may be fruitful in blessing to himself, and profitable to the edification of Thy Church, according to the fulness of Thy power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

171. *For those who dedicate themselves wholly to God's Special Service.*

LOOK favourably, O Lord, upon all those who desire to give themselves wholly to the things which are Thine, that they may please Thee without distraction, and grant them grace to guard with equal care both body and spirit,

that no taint of impurity may defile the souls which, as the precious pearls of Thy Church, should be found spotless in the single love of Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gothic.

172. *For a Widow.*

O LORD, comfort this Thy servant in the loneliness of her widowhood, even as Thou didst vouchsafe to comfort the widow of Sarepta by the ministry of Elias the Prophet; and grant unto her, in chaste devotion to Thyself, to put away the remembrance of former pleasures, and, meditating by day and night upon Thy law, to find in Thee the repose of her soul. Let her ever act with discretion and mercy, tempering beneficence with humility, dignity with openness of heart, and sobriety with kindliness of demeanour, that she may bring forth fruit sixty-fold, and serving Thee as Anna the Prophetess, in fasting and prayer, with a devout mind, may be found worthy of Thy glory in the great day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Francic.*

173. *For those who are thwarted in their Devotional Purposes by their Relatives.*

SANCTIFY, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the endeavours of Thy servants [. . . .] who wish to give themselves to Thee. Accept their desires. Make the way plain for them, to know in which way they may best correspond with the call of Thy grace, without violating the indications of Thy

providence. Grant that the purity of their devotion may bring those who are around them to acknowledge Thy work in their hearts, and bring them all with one heart and mind to acknowledge Thy sovereignty, and strive together for the advancement of Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

174. *For the Relatives of those who are trying to lead Strict Lives.*

O GOD and heavenly Father, Who didst bless the house of Laban for Jacob's sake, regard, we beseech Thee, the devotion of Thy servant [. . . .], and grant that all who are near to *him* in the bonds of the flesh may be joined with *him* by Thy grace in the fulness of the knowledge of the manifold blessings which Thou hast bestowed on Thine elect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

175. *For Widows and Orphans.*

O HEAVENLY FATHER, protect with Thine Almighty power all widows and orphans [*especially*]; and grant that the loss of their natural guardians may lead them to rely the more entirely on Thy supernatural care, Who wilt not leave comfortless such as faithfully seek Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

176. *For Boys at School.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who wast subject to Thine earthly superiors as a boy upon the earth; Have mercy upon all who are now at school, and prepare them for the work to which Thou art purposing to call them. Grant that the temptations of youth may not destroy the hopes of their mature life. Make them humble and loving, teachable and diligent. Deliver them from all irreverence and hardness of heart; from anger and intemperance; from impurity, whether of mind or body; from dishonesty and falsehood; from sloth and fastidiousness; and from covetousness and discontent. Give them grace to set a bridle upon their fleshly desires, that they may be kept free from the bitterness of indulged sin, and serving Thee in this world, may receive in the world to come the blessings of the pure in heart, beholding Thee with a perfect contemplation in the glory of the Father. Amen.

177. *For Young Men.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, grant that the young men of this our country may live before Thee in purity, remembering that they are Thy members, and using the strength of their bodies according to the energy of Thy holiness for the glory of Thyself, as the Source of their life and the Captain of their salvation. Reveal Thyself in their hearts, that being filled with Thy wisdom, they may know Thee as the pattern of meekness and purity, of diligence and

obedience, of endurance and hope, and rising above the clouds of worldly passion, may act continually in the light of Thy truth, so that they may follow without hesitation wheresoever Thou shalt call them to follow Thee; and at length, being perfected in Thee, may through Thee be found acceptable unto the Father when Thou shalt come in Thy Majesty to apportion the rewards of Thy kingdom. Amen.

178. *For our Universities.*

PRESERVE our Universities, O Lord, as the bulwarks of Thy Church, that the youth of our land may find in them a home sanctified by religious discipline and sound learning. Root out from them whatever is contrary to faith or morals. Grant that habits of self-denial may be formed amongst the scholars, and the endowments of charity may be so distributed by the authorities that their advantages may be extended to all the poor and deserving in our land; but chiefly revive in them such a spirit of devotion that they may send forth many to the work of Thy Church at home and abroad, loving Thee with a pure love, and resolved to offer themselves a sacrifice to Thee in winning others to Thy love; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

† 179. *For those who are in Doubt as to their Vocation.*

GUIDE, O Lord, we beseech Thee, all who have to decide upon their future course of

life; and give them grace so to follow the indications of Thy providence, that they may live not only to the salvation of their own souls, but to the advancement of Thy glory, according to the measure of Thy most merciful appointment, and receive Thy blessing in time and in eternity; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

180. *For Medical Students.*

GRANT, O Lord, to those who are being trained for the healing of the body, that they may consider the sacredness of the outer frame, which, through association with an immortal spirit, shall rise from the grave to stand before Thy judgment-seat. Purify their hearts from carnal thoughts, and cause them to remember that the bodies of the sick they tend will appear against them as witnesses of any impure handling or vile conversation, and that their own bodies need to be brought under the discipline of watchful continence, in order that by the grace of our Redeemer they may themselves be delivered from the infirmities of nature, and be made partakers of the perfect health and joyous energy of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

181. *For Artists.*

O THOU that art altogether lovely and fairest amongst the sons of men, reveal Thy beauty to all who are engaged in works of art and

natural representation, and sanctify the works of their calling, so that Thou Thyself mayest be revealed in them, and they may wake up hereafter in Thy likeness, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

182. *For the Sanctification of Genius.*

PRESERVE, O Lord, from vanity and self-importance, impurity and worldly snares, all those to whom Thou hast given genius of any kind in greater measure than their brethren, and teach them so to dedicate their gifts to Thee, the Giver, that Thy great goodness turn not to their greater condemnation in the day of judgment, but may avail to their everlasting reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

183. *For Travellers.*

O LORD, be merciful to all travellers, and grant them a safe return, that they, beholding Thy mercy and praising Thee for Thy goodness here, may the more be quickened with a desire for the full enjoyment of their privileges as fellow-citizens with the saints in Thy heavenly household; through Him Who is risen from the dead, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gothic.

184. *For the same.*

PRESERVE, O Lord, from all dangers those who are travelling, whether by land or sea [*especially*]. Prosper them with all necessary things, and grant them ever stedfastly to abide in the way of Thy commandments, and attain the end of their faith, even the salvation of their souls, in the Home which Thou hast provided for Thine elect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

185. *For those who are Absent from their Homes.*

O GOD, have mercy upon all who are removed from their natural home [*especially*]. Cause them always to remember Thy fatherly love protecting them, and Thine all-seeing eye taking account of them, that so they, in every place realizing that Thou art near, may be watchful to do that which is well-pleasing in Thy sight; and if it be Thy good pleasure to grant them a happy return to those they love on earth, make them to find therein such a foretaste of the reunion which shall be hereafter, that when the time of this our exile shall come to an end they may be partakers of Thine everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

186. *For the Gay and Thoughtless.*

O GOD and Father of all, Who delightest in the happiness of Thy creatures; Send down

Thy Holy Spirit upon all those who are drawn away to forgetfulness of Thee, whether by the pleasures of youth, the opportunities of wealth, or the excitement of sin. Enlighten them, defend them, calm them, control them: make them to see the vanity of earthly pleasures and the satisfaction of the joy of Thy holy service, and so perfect their natural energies by the power of Thy supernatural love that they, now learning to rejoice in the hope of Thy glory, may hereafter attain to the fruition of Thy Godhead; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

187. *For Mechanics and Artisans.*

O GOD, we pray Thee to have mercy upon all artisans, and grant that the intelligence which they employ on earthly objects for the benefit of society may be enlightened by Thy Holy Spirit to a clear perception of the things of heaven, guiding them, amidst all their industry, with fear and trembling to work out their own salvation; through Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

188. *For Agricultural Labourers.*

HAVE mercy, O Lord, upon all those who labour in the cultivation of the earth, and grant that by the power of Thy grace their own souls may be made fruitful unto all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

189. *For Fishermen.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who didst choose fishermen to be Thy first Apostles, and didst make them to gather mankind within the net of Thy holy Church, have mercy upon those who now are occupied in the same calling, and grant that the toil of the night may not be fruitless to them, but that they may themselves be accepted of Thee in the morning of the resurrection, when Thou shalt separate the evil from the good according to Thy most righteous judgment, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. **Amen.**

190. *For Workmen engaged in Church Building.*

GRANT, we beseech Thee, most gracious Lord, that they who are engaged in building the house of Thy sanctuary may have Thy Name for ever hallowed in their hearts, and may themselves be built up as lively stones in Thy spiritual Temple; through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

191. *For Church Decorators.*

O GOD, who didst call by name Bezaleel and Aholiab, and didst inspire them with wisdom that they might make Thy sanctuary to be glorious and acceptable in Thy sight, give Thy grace to all who are engaged in decorating Thy House and

the ministrations thereof, that they, looking for Thine inspiration to guide their work and for Thy Blessing to hallow it, may themselves be perfected in the glory of Thy sanctifying Spirit and dwell for evermore in Thy heavenly courts; through the merits and mediation of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

192. *For Miners.*

GRANT, O Lord, that they who labour in the darkness of mines may not be so buried in earthly thoughts as to lose sight of the glory of the Sun of Righteousness; but rather make both them and us so to acknowledge the darkness of our earthly condition, that we may rise in heart and mind to the contemplation of Thy glory, declared to us by Thine only-begotten Son, and hereafter ascend to dwell in the light of Thy countenance; through the merits of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

193. *For the Aged Poor in Workhouses.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Sanctifier of poverty, who callest the poor specially to rejoice with Thee in the fulness of Thy heavenly kingdom; Shed down the light of Thy Holy Spirit, to cheer with divine refreshment those who have no earthly solace amidst the infirmities of their old age. Grant unto them to realize, in being shut out from earthly relations, their better portion amidst the family of Thy saints; in the

distractions of evil associates, the necessity of divine contemplation, whereby they may live hidden with Thee; and in the absence of outward conveniences, the eternal blessedness of Thy love to those who have shared the hardness and destitution of Thy Cross. Grant that they may be witnesses of Thy truth to those with whom they dwell, and that the impenitent, beholding in them the triumph of Thy grace, may be brought to serve Thee by the influence of their example: so that, having shared together the sorrows of the world, they may dwell together for ever in the beatitude of Thine elect; through the virtue of Thine own adorable Passion, Who now livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, the object of adoration to all those whom Thou hast redeemed, and the substance of their bliss, for ever and ever. Amen.

194. *For the same.*

O LORD, have mercy upon [. . . .], and reconcile *him* to the difficulties of *his* present position, that with a heart truly converted unto Thee, *he* may rejoice in the truth of Thy Presence, and in the hope of Thy Glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

195. *For Magistrates, Judges, &c.*

GIVE wisdom, O Lord, we pray Thee, to all those who are concerned in the habitual correction of the unruly, especially the magis-

trates of this [*city and*] county. Enable them so to be diligent in investigation and impartial in judgment, that their word may tend to the diminution of vice and the removal of the principal occasions of evil; and grant that their responsibility for others may lead them to anxious preparation for that sentence which they shall themselves receive from Thee, the Judge of all, and to a faithful acceptance of the means of Thy grace; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

196. *For the Police.*

O OMNIPRESENT GOD, grant that they who maintain outward order in our streets, abiding themselves in subjection to the law of Thy Holy Spirit, may be kept in purity of heart, though they be witnesses of sin; and may have the fulness of Thy grace, though they be kept by necessary duty from the offices of Thy sanctuary, so that they may attain hereafter to Thy heavenly city, where there shall be no more sin, nor any sorrow, but all shall rejoice in the light of Thy sanctifying Presence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

197. *For Convicted Criminals.*

VOUCHSAFE, we beseech Thee, O Lord, unto all such as are under sentence of punishment a true sense of their crimes, true repentance for them, and Thy gracious pardon, that their souls may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus; for His sake, Who underwent for them

the death of the Cross, Who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

BISHOP WILSON.

198. *For the Falsely Accused.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who didst bear the reproach of sin, though Thou hadst done nothing amiss, have mercy upon all who are falsely accused, and grant them with such meekness to bear their trouble, that they may obtain pardon for all their sins, through Thy merits, in the day when Thou shalt judge the secrets of all men. Amen.

199. *For those in Bonds for the Truth's Sake.*

O LORD, grant, we beseech Thee, the gladness of home to those who are far away, to captives liberty, and the opening of the prison to them that are in bondage for Thy Truth, that Thy people may rejoice in the freedom which Thy mercy vouchsafes, both in this world and in that which is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Gothic.*

200. *For those in Penitentiaries.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, Who willest not the death of a sinner, but that all should come to repentance and live; Look mercifully upon such as willingly return to Thy shelter, desiring no longer to continue in those

ways which have been their ruin. Deliver them from the bondage of evil passions, wherein they still are held, although now endeavouring to escape. Reveal within them the law of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may be set free from the law of sin and of death. Sanctify the outward discipline of their rule to the quieting of all fleshly impulses, and empower the ordinances of Thy Church to cleanse their hearts from all evil remembrances and impure desires. Bring them to humble obedience and sincere reformation of life; perfect within them, by the gift of perseverance, the work which Thou hast so graciously begun. Watch over those who now have returned to the necessary labour of the world. Lead them onward from grace to grace, that they may not only have a name to live, by the respectability of their outward conduct, but a holy consciousness of restoration to Thy favour, and a blessed participation of the life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

201. *For Reformatory Schools.*

DELIVER, O most merciful God, those little ones of Thy flock who, whether through the neglect of their parents or the stubbornness of their own evil nature, have fallen into manifest sin. Remember not the offences of their youth, but set them free from the snare of the enemy. Prosper with the help of Thy Holy Spirit the endeavours of all who are seeking to train them for good. Grant that, following after humility,

and being made partakers of Thy heavenly wisdom, they may be strengthened to the performance of Thy will, and sheltered evermore by Thy fatherly protection, so that in the joy of Thy Presence they may be restored as true penitents to the perfect fellowship of Thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

202. *For the very Ignorant.*

O GOD and Father of all, have mercy upon such as know not the elements of Thy revelation [*especially those of this parish*], and impute not to them as sin the ignorance wherein they have been reared, but melt the hardness of their nature by the power of Thy grace, that in patient obedience being found acceptable, they may attain to Thy good gifts, which exceed all that we can desire or deserve; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

203. *For the Homeless Poor.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who hadst not where to lay Thy head, have mercy upon all those who are destitute of any earthly home. Thou hast borne their grief: pardon Thou their sin. Give them the desire of industry and the opportunity of honest labour, that they may dwell peaceably upon the earth, until they come to those mansions which Thou hast provided in Thy Father's house for all who will return through Thyself into the way of salvation;

where, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, Thou livest and reignest, One God, world without end. Amen.

204. *For those who have none to pray for them.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who ever livest to make intercession for us, let Thy mercy be extended to all those who have none upon earth to pray for them in Thy Name, and bring them for Thine own sake, to a participation of Thy grace on earth, that they may praise Thee with all Thy saints in Thine everlasting glory. Amen.

205. *For Young Persons in Irreligious Houses.*

HOLY FATHER, have mercy upon all who are specially surrounded with difficulty in the way of Thy service, by reason of the worldliness and luxury of their homes, or the depravity and wretchedness of those who are around them. As Thou art ever present with them, so do Thou reveal the sanctifying power of Thy Presence, by drawing them away from the snares of evil, and finally bring them to the light of Thy heavenly city; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

206. *For those who are unkindly treated by their Relatives.*

O HOLY GOD, and most loving Father, be Thou the solace of all those who are suffering through others' unkindness. [.....] Grant

that they may not be driven into sin by the conduct of others, but, returning good for evil, may grow in grace, and win others to Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

207. *For Persons engaged in a Lawsuit.*

GRANT, O Lord, that they who are now at variance may be brought to harmony and goodwill, and seeking for themselves no more than is just, may be ready to forgive one another in love whatever earthly justice cannot set right, that they may find peace amongst themselves and reconciliation towards Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

208. *For those who are in Danger of Falling.*

Ant. God is faithful, Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

℣. O Lord, in Thee have I trusted:

℟. *Let me never be confounded.*

O GOD, Who willest not the death of a sinner, protect with Thy heavenly aid those persons who are now exposed to special temptations; and grant that in the fulfilment of Thy commandments they may be strengthened by the assistance of Thy grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Gregorian.*

209. *For Returning Penitents.*

Ant. Turn ye from your evil ways: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

℣ God desireth not the death of a sinner:

℟ *But rather that he should be converted and live.*

a.

O GOD, Who by the Blood of Thine only Son didst redeem mankind from the power of death; Quicken, we beseech Thee, the souls of all returning penitents [*especially*], and receive upon their return those whom Thou didst recall when they were wandering. Hear their sighs; heal their wounds; strengthen their weakness. Grant them with such contrition to confess their sins, that in the day of Thy judgment they may be found worthy of Thy glory, never more to be lost, as they have been restored by Thy love to the grace which they had forfeited; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

b.

O GOD, Who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made, but by the Blood of Thine only-begotten Son didst redeem us, when by the malice of the devil we had fallen from everlasting life; Look upon the wandering; quicken those who are ready to die; stretch out Thy hand to save those who have no power of themselves to rise; receive back as penitents with pardoning love, those whom Thou hast chastened with fatherly care when they

were in sin. Let not Thy Church suffer loss, nor the enemy rejoice over Thine inheritance. Let not those perish in the second death who have been born again in the laver of salvation. Let not those who are returned into the way of righteousness faint any longer under the wounds of the wicked one. What Thy grace bestowed, and Thy mercy has now restored, that do Thou give them to keep for ever, and to enjoy without hindrance; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Gelasian.*

c.

ALMIGHTY FATHER, accept the tears of all penitent sinners, and purify by the operation of Thy piety those whom the devil has until now defiled with the stains of manifold vices. Enable them all to weep for past sins, and to keep from future temptation, that by Thy mercy preventing them, they may be cleansed from the one, and by Thy grace protecting them, they may be delivered from the other; through Jesus Christ. Amen. *Mozarabic.*

210. *For those who are preparing to make a General Confession.*

HAVE mercy, O Lord, upon those who, being troubled with a sense of their sin, are anxious to receive the full benefit of absolution [*especially*]. Grant them by the power of Thy Holy Spirit so to search into their consciences that they may find out what is amiss; so to

behold their iniquity that they may abhor themselves in Thy sight; so to judge themselves that they may not be condemned of Thee; so to confess their sins that they may worthily receive Thy gift of pardon; and so to praise Thee for Thy mercy that their restoration may be to the glory of Thy Name and the saving of their souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

211. *For those who have recently made their General Confession.*

BE merciful, O Lord, unto Thy servants and as they have now received the gift of pardon by the ministration of Thy Holy Spirit, grant that by the power of the same Spirit they may persevere in holiness of life, and keeping themselves unspotted from the world may have an abundant portion in the kingdom of Thy Redeemed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

212. *For the Lapsed.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who didst have mercy upon the race of man after the forfeiture of our original righteousness; Have mercy, according to the fulness of Thy long suffering, upon those who, having been once renewed by Thy compassion, are yet again fallen by their own frailty. Let Thy Spirit strive within them, and the remembrance of His former inspirations excite in them such hatred of their sin, and such vengeance against those earthly lusts by which

they have been carried captive, that they may no longer hesitate to obey Thy divine call, but may cast themselves upon Thy mercy, and returning again with penitence to the embrace of Thy love, may walk in the way of Thy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

213. *For Hardened Sinners.*

WE pray to Thee, O Lord, for all who live wilfully in sin, and harden their hearts against Thee [*especially*]. Excite them, good Lord, to contrition; melt their impenitent hearts; open their eyes that they may behold the peril of their souls; draw them out of the mire where they are sinking; convert them, and they shall live. Though they have desperately sinned, yet do Thou of Thine infinite mercy forgive them. Let not these poor souls—so blind, so dead in sins—perish in the everlasting fires. Show now upon them Thy mercy, and waken out of their most fearful sleep those who are in such great need of repentance and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP ARMSTRONG.

214. *For those who are prejudiced against the Truth.*

O GOD, be merciful to all those who shut their eyes against the acceptance of Thy Truth in consequence of any unworthy prejudice, and grant them so to be softened by Thy Love that

they may be illuminated by Thy Wisdom, and so to humble themselves for their shortcomings that they may praise Thee for Thy revelation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

215. *For the Jews.*

Ant. Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, and give Him no rest till He establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

℣ Hath God cast away His people? God forbid:

℟ *If they abide not in unbelief, they shall be graffed in.*

a.

O GOD, the God of Abraham, look upon Thine everlasting covenant, and cause the captivity of Judah and of Israel to return. They are Thy people, O be Thou their Saviour, that all who love Jerusalem and mourn for her may rejoice with her; for Jesus Christ's sake, their Saviour and ours. Amen. BISHOP WILSON.

b.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who when Thine ancient people were cut off through unbelief didst gather unto Thyself an universal Church, even as it had been foretold that all the ends of the world should remember themselves and be turned unto God; Raise up, we pray Thee, children of faith from the posterity of them

which believed not, that they may be received into the kingdom of Thy grace, never again through sin to be cut off, and may be made partakers of Thine everlasting inheritance, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

Mozarabic.

216. *For all who have rejected the Truth.*

Ant. He calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.

℣. Thou, O God, art praised in Sion:

℟. *And unto Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.*

O MERCIFUL GOD, Who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word, and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved amongst the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen. *Anglican.*

217. *For the Heathen.*

Ant. It is a light thing that Thou shouldest be My servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and

to restore the preserved of Israel; I will also give Thee for a light to the Gentiles, that Thou mayest be My salvation unto the end of the earth.

℣ Ask of Me, and I will give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance:

℟ *And the uttermost ends of the earth for Thy possession.*

O GOD of all the nations of the earth, remember the multitudes of the heathen who, though created in Thine image, are perishing in their ignorance, and according to the propitiation of Thy Son Jesus Christ, grant that by the prayers and labours of Thy holy Church they may be delivered from all superstition and unbelief, and brought to worship Thee; through Him whom Thou hast sent to be our Salvation, the Resurrection and the Life of all the faithful, the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

S. Francis Xavier.

218. *For Heathen Chiefs friendly to the Church.*

Ant. How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel! Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.

℣ He is worthy for whom Thou shalt do this:

℟ *For he loveth our nation.*

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, giver of all good things; Protect, we beseech Thee, Thy

servant [.], his family, and descendants; remember him, O Lord, for good, for the kindness which he has shown to Thy Church; grant him a long continuance in health and well-being, preservation from evil and danger, children to many generations as the inheritors of his dignity, and above all grant that he and they may have that peace which passeth understanding, by a possession of the knowledge of Thy truth in this world, and of life everlasting in that which is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP HEBER.

219. *For Catechumens.*

Ant. There came one running, and kneeled to Him, and asked Him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus, beholding him, loved Him.

℣ According to Thy mercy Thou hast saved us:

℟ *By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost.*

a.

O LORD, the Creator of all, the Fountain of living Water, Who by the laver of Baptism dost put away the sins of those to whom Thou hast given grace, by the faith of the resurrection, to confess Thee without fear of man; fill these Thy servants so fully with Thy Holy Spirit that Christ, being formed in their hearts, may be revealed within them as their life and joy. Hear us, O merciful Father, through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Gothic.*

b.

REMEMBER, O Lord, all who in heathen lands are under instruction for Holy Baptism; have mercy upon them, and confirm them in the faith; remove all the remains of idolatry and superstition from their hearts, that, being devoted to Thy law, Thy precepts, Thy fear, Thy truths, and Thy commandments, they may grow to a firm knowledge of the word in which they have been instructed, and may be found worthy to be made an habitation of the Holy Ghost by the laver of regeneration for the remission of their sins; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Basilian.

220. *For those who are hindered from devotion by stress of business.*

Ant. The care of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word; and men labour in that which satisfieth not.

℣ Thou that hearest prayer:

℟ *Unto Thee shall all flesh come.*

O GOD, Who providest for the necessities of all, and givest unto every man the work of his calling as a means of serving Thee, have mercy upon those whose outward occupations distract their minds from the due remembrance of Thyself, and grant that their neglect may be pardoned, their forgetfulness remedied, their ignorance enlightened, their desires spiritualized and their lives transformed, so that they may not perish by labouring for the world, but may be delivered

from the world by a diligent reliance upon Thy holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

221. *For those who are Destitute of the Means of Grace, in our Colonies and elsewhere.*

Ant. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

℣ Give the word, O Lord:

℟ *And great shall be the company of the preachers.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, show pity on our brethren who are perishing for lack of opportunities of grace. Pardon them if, through desire of gain, they have unnecessarily forsaken the privileges of Thy Church; and grant that faithful priests, ministering to Thine inheritance, may train the young, instruct the ignorant, tend the sick, win the hardened, reconcile the penitent, and perfect Thy saints to the glory of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

222. *For those who are removed from the Ordinances of Grace.*

O LORD, make Thy sanctifying Presence continually manifest to those who are without any to minister in Thy Name [*especially*]. Teach them so meekly to use their sufferings,

whether of mind or body, as a means of grace uniting them to the Passion of Thy dear Son, that their faith and patience being perfected by inward communion with Him, they may in the end obtain Thy promises along with Thy redeemed; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR OFFENDERS AGAINST THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

223. *For Unbelievers.*

Ant. This is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent.

℣ The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God:

℟ *For the things of God are spiritually discerned.*

O JESU, Word and Wisdom of the Father, Whom the natural heart cannot receive because it is corrupt and become abominable through wicked works; We beseech Thee for all those that are aliens to the faith, that they, by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, may be made partakers of Thy heavenly knowledge, and rejoice with Thy people in the hope of Thy perfect vision in everlasting glory; through Thy mercy, O our God, Who livest and governest all things, blessed for evermore. Amen. *Ludolph.*

224. *For those who are ensnared by Science so as to fall from Faith.*

Ant. Without controversy, great is the mystery

of godliness; God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, and received up into glory.

℣ The wisdom of the world is foolishness with God:

℟ *For the fashion of this world passeth away.*

O GOD, Whom truly to know is everlasting life; Pity the blindness of those who by the contemplation of Thy creatures are drawn away from the faithful acknowledgment of Thee their Creator. Make them to see the transitory character of all outward things and the beauty of Thine eternal truth, that they may know Thy love manifested by Thine Incarnate Son, and when the present age of our probation shall have passed away, may be filled with Thine own fulness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

225. *For those who are afraid of the Opinions of Men.*

O GOD, Thou Searcher of hearts, Who acceptest no man to make intercession for his brother in the day of Thy judgment, have mercy upon those who shrink from serving Thee through consideration of human censure. Fill them with an awful sense of the implicit allegiance which they owe to Thee. Enlighten their eyes to the vanity of mere earthly opinion. Quicken within them a consciousness of Thy power to change the purposes of those They fear

In whatsoever way Thou wilt. Strengthen them cheerfully to bear the reproach of the Cross. Perfect their faith; reveal to them Thy truth; kindle their zeal, that they, looking to Thee alone for success, may know what Thou requirest, and leave all consequences in Thy hands, while they accomplish Thy bidding with holy diligence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

226. *For Schismatics and Heretics.*

Ant. There shall be one fold and one Shepherd.

℣ Let us grow up into Him in all things, Which is the Head:

℟ *Even Christ.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who willest not that any should perish; Send down Thy Holy Spirit, we beseech Thee, upon those who have been deceived by the fraud and malice of the devil, that they may cast away every false opinion, and with hearts enlightened to the knowledge of their end, may return once more into the unity of Thy truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gelasian.

227. *For the same.*

O MOST blessed Saviour Jesus, Who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life; Bring back to the fold of Thy Church all those who are in error; instruct those who are in ignorance; and subdue the pride of man to the obedience of Thy holy laws. Let not Thy mysteries be sullied by

the admixture of impure and heretical doctrines, nor Thy religion destroyed by the substitution of human fancy for Thy commandments: but grant that Thy truth may be so publicly maintained, constantly taught, humbly believed, and zealously practised by all men in their several stations, that we may dwell together in faith and charity, and glorify our Father Which is in heaven; to Whom, with Thee and with the Holy Spirit, be honour and worship for ever and ever. Amen.

BISHOP TAYLOR.

228. *For the Enemies and Revilers of the Church.*

O CHRIST, the Son of God, Who didst bear the revilings of unbelieving men when they carried Thee away to judgment; Hear our prayer, and show Thy power, we beseech Thee, towards the enemies of Thy Church, that they who persecute Thee daily in Thy members, being converted to the mystery of the faith, may gratefully acknowledge along with us that Thou wast delivered for the ungodly, and that the ungodly attain to righteousness by the glory of Thy Passion, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen. *Mozarabic.*

229. *For those who Neglect Prayer.*

Ant. I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of supplications

℣ O Thou that hearest prayer:
℟ *Unto Thee shall all flesh come.*

O GOD, Who dost not refuse Thy bounty even to the unthankful and the evil; Hear the prayers of Thy Church for those who neglect to pray for themselves. Grant that they may learn to accept the blessings of earth as Thine unmerited gift, and seek to know Thee Thyself in life everlasting by faith and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

230. *For Profaners of God's Name.*

Ant. The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty.

℣ Let him that nameth the Name of Christ:
℟ *Depart from iniquity.*

a.

O LORD GOD, Whose holy Name is the only joy of Thy creatures; Make Thy Name to be so hallowed in the lives of those who have been baptized therein, and upon the lips of those who speak thereof, that its holiness may not turn to our ruin, exposing our unworthiness, but may be found to our preservation, drawing us upward in Thy love; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

b.

PARDON, O Lord, we beseech Thee, all vain swearers, and let the mention of Thy Name

bring home to their hearts the remembrance of Thy judgments, that their lips may undo, by penitent confession, the sins they have accumulated by heedless utterance, and finally may praise Thee in Thy glory; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

231. *For those who are tempted to Levity at Times of Devotion.*

PARDON, O Lord, we beseech Thee, our wandering thoughts in prayer, and especially have pity upon those who, through infirmity of nature, or the past indulgence of evil habits, are troubled by the wiles of the devil, so as to be excited at solemn seasons to levity and other emotions inconsistent with Thy worship. Grant that their inmost desires may be strengthened by Thy grace, and their outer nature subdued to the control of Thy Spirit, that the keenness of their temptation may serve to their intenser apprehension of Thy sustaining Love, and their perfection in humility before Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

232. *For those who are troubled with Wandering Thoughts in Prayer.*

O GOD, Who callest us to pray to Thee, pardon, we beseech Thee, the imperfections of all our devotions, and grant that they who are specially troubled by wandering thoughts in prayer, may be mercifully strengthened by Thy grace to resist the temptations of the wicked one,

and may be enabled so earnestly to contemplate Thy Presence, that their worship of Thee upon earth may be a foretaste of the perfect fruition of Thy Godhead, which shall be the joy and strength of Thy worshippers, in Thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

233. *For those who are troubled with Inability to Pray.*

O LORD, accept the humble desires of all those who cannot fix their minds in prayer, nor make their wants known to Thee, and as Thou knowest their need, do Thou of Thine infinite mercy supply it. Let the presence of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, enlighten their understanding, enkindle their affections, direct their supplications, inspire their utterance, and so deliver them from the bondage of our earthly nature, that they may rejoice before Thee in earnest devotion; through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

234. *For Profaners of the Lord's Day.*

Ant. There remaineth a rest to the people of God.

℣ O Lord, teach us to love Thee:

℟ *That our souls may rejoice in Thy salvation.*

O GOD, grant that they who, neglecting Thy worship on Thy holy day, give themselves

rather to the business or pleasure of the world may turn to Thee while it is yet time, and rise out of all carnal affections by the power of grace, so that they perish not in everlasting death when the world and its lust shall have passed away, but, being found in Him who died for us and rose again, may be saved by grace; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

235. *For those who are obliged to work on the Lord's Day.*

O LORD, have mercy upon all those whose necessities keep them in the work of the world upon Thy holy day. Draw their hearts to Thyself, that they may secure for Thy worship as large a part of it as they are able, and spend the whole in remembrance of Thy sanctification: so that they fail not finally to attain to that rest which remaineth for Thy children, and to rejoice in the day of the resurrection, being called to worship Thee for ever; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

236. *For Pleasure-seekers on Good Friday.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, we beseech Thee to have mercy upon all those who turn aside to the pleasures of the world, when Thy Church invites us to solemn contrition in remembrance of Thy death. Pardon them, and give them grace so earnestly to bewail their sins, which needed this great Sacrifice, that they may henceforth no longer live unto themselves, but unto

Thee Who didst die for us, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

237. *For those who Profane or Neglect the Holy Eucharist.*

Ant. Melchizedec, king of Salem, brought forth bread and wine, and he was a priest of the Most High God, and he blessed Abram.

℣ Blessed is he that eateth Bread in the kingdom of God:

℟ *Even the Bread which endureth unto everlasting life.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who hast given Thine own Body and Blood to be our spiritual food and sustenance; Pardon all those who put away from them this inestimable treasure through worldly cares, or ignorance, or unbelief, and those also who, in drawing near, seek not to apprehend Thy heavenly substance with the touch of faith. Increase both our love and our understanding of Thy mysteries; grant unto us all, that neither forfeiting Thy grace by neglect, nor provoking Thine anger by misuse, we may by Thee be perfected, and feed with pure hearts upon the beatific vision when Thy glory shall be revealed. Amen.

238. *For those who Neglect the Study of Holy Scripture.*

Ant. Meditate upon these things; give thyself

wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all.

℣ Thy word is true from everlasting:

℟ *It is dearer unto me than thousands of gold and silver.*

O LORD GOD, with Whom is the fulness of salvation and the perfection of blessing; Have mercy upon those who fail to meditate upon the inspired Word of Thy Truth; quicken us all with an increasing love of Thy revelation; grant that, delighting by day and night to exercise ourselves therein, we may bring forth fruit in this world as trees of Thy planting, nourished by the waters of Thy grace, which may be found unto holiness and ripen unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mozarabic.

29. *For those who Misuse Holy Scripture.*

O GOD, Whose blessed Word was given us for our edification, that we might attain to eternal life in the knowledge of Thyself, pardon the sin of those who quote it heedlessly, and for unworthy ends, whether of falsehood or of amusement. Grant unto them grace so to reflect upon its hidden mysteries, that they may abstain from every expression which shall tend to destroy the sanctity of its language in the ears of others, and assist them in their meditations thereon that they may be nourished by Thy Divine teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

240. *For those who Neglect the Duty of Tithes.*

Ant. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove Me now herewith, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

℣ The patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils:

℟ *And Melchizedec blessed him that had the promises.*

O THOU, to Whom belongs the whole of the earth and its fulness; Pardon all those who give not to Thee from their worldly gains the tithes and offerings by which Thou wouldest have Thy Sovereignty to be acknowledged; open their hearts to a larger measure of gratitude, that the blessings which Thou hast given them here may not turn to their everlasting confusion, but may be the means of sustaining them according to Thine appointment, until they need them no longer, being called to live with Thee in Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

241. *For those who Neglect the Observance of Fast Days.*

Ant. Take heed that thy fasting be approved of thy Father which is in heaven.

℣ Anna, the prophetess, served God:

℟ *With fastings and prayers night and day.*

PARDON, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the general neglect of the days of fasting ap-

pointed by Thy Church [*especially amongst*]. Deepen within us such a spirit of penitence that we may indeed humble ourselves before Thee; and grant that all ministers of Thy Word, being drawn to strictness of life, may bring Thy people also along with themselves to acknowledge the restraints of piety; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

242. *For Parents who neglect their Children.*

O GOD and Father of all, have mercy upon those who neglect to use the authority received from Thee, in the pious discipline of their children and families. Awaken them to a sense of their responsibilities, and of the necessity of serving Thee; that, having committed their children to Thy keeping in holy baptism, they may give all diligence to train them in Christian virtue; until finally, along with them, they shall appear before Thee in the joy of Thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

243. *For Unruly Children.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Pattern of meekness and Lover of child-like hearts, have compassion upon those who are stubborn and unruly, and so cleanse them from the pride of their corrupt flesh, that in the simplicity of obedience they may obtain favour in Thy sight, and by the exercise of Thy love towards their parents, may be found perfected in Thy love when Thou comest in Thy glory. Amen.

244. *For the Lawless and Disobedient.*

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; Pardon the riotous and self-willed, and strengthen in all hearts the spirit of reverence and holy fear, that they may acknowledge Thy will as the source of all authority, and obey their lawful superiors for Thy sake; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

245. *For the Discontented.*

HAVE mercy, O Lord, upon all who are discontented with the position of inferiority in which they are placed and grant them with such contrition to own their unworthiness, and with such humility to accept the ordering of Thy Providence, that, according to the bounty of Thy promise, they may of Thee be exalted in the world which is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

246. *For the Self-opiniated.*

O GOD, Who hast given Thine only Son to be our Wisdom, revealing to us Thy holy will, and strengthening us by union with Himself to walk in obedience to Thee, according to the example of His own most holy life; Have mercy upon those who in unconsciousness of their own ignorance and weakness rest in the conceits and prejudices of their natural reason and fancy. Reveal to them the danger they are in, that they fall not into the snare of the devil by the blind-

ness of their pride, but humbling themselves before Thee, with hearts enlightened through faith, may be instructed by Thy revelation, strengthened by Thy grace, and exalted by Thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

247. *For Families that are Divided.*

O GOD, Who makest men to be of one mind in an house; Have mercy upon all who, through the frailty of nature, the distractions of the world, or the malice of the devil, are kept from that mutual love and union which befits Thy children. Grant that by the sacrifice of their own will they may be enabled to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and losing the thought of self, may find the joy of Thy Divine control as the law of life to Thy redeemed, so that they may walk in love one towards another upon earth, and may be made meet to be joined together in the indissoluble fellowship of Thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

248. *For those who Oppress the Poor.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, pardon those who disregard the necessities of their brethren, and bring them to such a sense of their dependence upon Thee, that they, forsaking their covetousness, may delight rather to act as the ministers of Thy beneficent Providence, for the health and well-being, both spiritual and temporal, of all

who are under them. Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

249. *For those who are living in open Adultery.*

O GOD and Lord Jesu Christ, Who hast ordained the blessed estate of matrimony to be a type of the mystical union which is between Thyself and the Church; Have mercy upon all who violate the holiness of its mystery; grant unto them a true contrition for their misuse of those bodies which Thou hast made members of Thyself, and for their unfaithfulness to the covenant of wedded love whereof Thou Thyself art the witness. Give them such control of their evil passions, that with bodies purified by Thy absolving grace, they may live henceforth in chastity before Thee, and may attain, with the partners of their earthly home, to the joy of Thy redeemed, in the marriage-feast of Thy heavenly kingdom. Amen.

250. *For the Self-seeking.*

O GOD, Who hast created us to be the instruments of Thy sovereign will, pardon the readiness with which we are apt to turn away from Thy service to the gratification of our own desires. Send down Thy grace, and recall to Thine own service those who are as yet content to mar their higher end by seeking their own advancement and pleasure in the world. Under whatsoever pretence they may hide their self-love, reveal to them the folly of indulging it, and

teach them to seek their happiness in the simple conformity of their whole life to the intention of Thee, their Creator, looking forward to the fulness of that Divine fruition wherein Thou wilt mercifully gather together to live with Thee all such as here have striven to live for Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

251. *For the Overbearing.*

O GOD of patience and consolation, be merciful unto our infirmities, and grant that we may always be ready to consider the necessities of those who are in any way under our control: and to such as are tempted by selfishness or pride give Thy grace, that they may with gentleness make allowance for the frailty, with self-denial provide for the convenience, and with calmness endeavour to correct the faults of those with whom they have to do, so that the subordination which Thou hast instituted upon earth may, by their wise exercise of authority, conduce to their mutual perfection in the bonds of Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

252. *For the Impulsive.*

CONTROL, O Lord, by the supremacy of Thy Divine Spirit, those who are apt to be carried away by the impulses of their undisciplined will, and grant that they, submitting themselves in all things cheerfully to Thy Providence, may so humbly seek Thy guidance, and so diligently

execute Thy command, that they may become dead to every emotion which is opposed to Thy will, and may live in the tranquillity of Thy children until they attain to the glory of Thine elect; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

253. *For the Factious.*

HAVE mercy, O Lord, upon those who would stir up strife in any portion of Thy Church, and grant that they may abandon their self-will, and may return to unity and concord in humility and contentedness, according to the law of Thy most holy faith and the brotherhood wherein we have been gathered; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

254. *For the Censorious.*

HAVE mercy, O Lord, upon those who are accustomed to speak harshly of their brethren, and grant that in all our judgments of others we may remember Thy judgment, whereby we shall ourselves be judged, and may exercise that charity whereby we hope to be forgiven; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

255. *For the Unforgiving.*

O ALMIGHTY and merciful God, bring home to all of our consciences so true a sense of sin, that knowing ourselves to have no claim upon Thy consideration, we may always accept the wrongs done to us by our fellow-creatures as

part of the discipline of Thy just Providence; and to those who are tempted by an unforgiving spirit show Thy mercy, that, being transformed by the power of Thy love, they may be approved of Thee in the day when Thy justice shall be manifested; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

256. *For any between whom there is Jealousy.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, grant that those who are tempted to estrangement one from another, by considerations of private interest or party-feeling [*especially*], may so devoutly cherish the unity of the Spirit wherewith they are called, that, losing the consciousness of self in the adoration of Thy glorious Majesty, they fail not of their portion in the communion of saints when Thy kingdom shall be revealed. Amen.

257. *For those who are tempted to wish for the Death of others.*

O ETERNAL GOD, by Whose appointment all the relationships of this outer life are ordained, make us thankful to Thee for Thy manifold gifts of nature and affection towards all who are united to us by any ties of outward circumstance. Have mercy upon those who, through want of forbearance or any thought of personal gain, are tempted to desire a position of freedom or power which Thou hast not given; and grant that in the performance of their

natural duties they may realize the oblation of themselves to Thee and the satisfaction of Thy reward; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

258. *For the Irritable.*

BE gracious, O Lord, to all who by natural temperament are inclined to hastiness and anger, [. . . .] and make them so watchful against their besetting sin that the ir itation of the outer frame may be sanctified by the control of Thy Holy Spirit, to teach them on all occasions Thy holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

259. *For those who are prone to Ill Temper.*

O EVERLOVING GOD, give Thy grace to those who, by natural fretfulness or indulged self-will, are unable to abide in unity and concord with such as are round about them. Show them their fault; correct their dispositions; enlighten their understandings; strengthen their resolutions of amendment; sanctify their endeavours; perfect them in self-control; and enable them to live in undisturbed tranquillity and love with all; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

260. *For those who are troubled with Strong Passions.*

O GOD, forasmuch as our nature is corrupt and prone to evil, have mercy upon such as are grievously vexed by the violence of their passions; [. . . .] and grant that they, looking up to

Thee with a loving faith, may be enabled to realize, in the way of righteousness, Thy true peace, which passeth all understanding, and, having brought their bodies into subjection, may be presented spotless before Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

261. *For those who are troubled with Evil Thoughts.*

O GOD, Who by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit dost cleanse the hearts of Thy faithful people, have mercy upon all those who are troubled with evil thoughts [*especially those who desire our prayers*]; and give them grace so perfectly to yield themselves to Thy Divine control, that the Tempter, whensoever he draws near to them, may immediately be driven away, and the power of Thy dear Son may be manifested in their deliverance from his bondage; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

262. *For Sensual and Self-indulgent Persons.*

BE merciful and gracious, O Lord, unto Thy servants, and pardon the infirmities of our earthly nature. Grant that all they who are especially hindered in their spiritual course by the appetites of the flesh [*particularly*], may be quickened by the power of Thy Holy Spirit and strengthened in all holy endeavours, so that they may bring their bodies into subjection, and living in watchful observance of Thy holy law, may be delivered by Thy grace from

this body of death; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

263. *For Drunkards.*

DELIVER our land, we beseech Thee, O Lord, from the crying sin of drunkenness, whereby it is so grievously defiled, and grant that they who indulge in excess of drink may have grace to check themselves ere they have lost the power of self-control, and finding the unsatisfying nature of all earthly excitement, may come to hunger and thirst after righteousness, and attain to salvation; through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

264. *For Married Persons who are disagreed.*

BE merciful, O Lord, and pardon the infirmities of Thy servants; draw them unto Thyself in perfect love, that in Thy love they may find a bond of union continually abiding; and grant that as they are united together by Thy Providence, they may increase in love one towards the other by Thy grace, and in the exercise of self-restraint and mutual forbearance may so dwell together in peace and holiness, that their life on earth may be a foretaste of the indissoluble communion of Thy glorified saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

265. *For Divorced Persons who are tempted to Bigamy.*

O GOD, Who hast ordained the unity of the man with his wife, as the foundation of all

natural society, pardon the sin which has caused the separation of those for whom our prayers are desired, and suffer them not for any want of mutual affection to forget the permanence of the bond which Thou hast instituted. So teach them to love Thee, that in Thy love they may be awakened to love one another, and suffer not either of them to be led away by the temptation of any contrary love, lest they forfeit Thine. Keep their hearts ever open to forgiveness, as they hope to be forgiven, and let the cessation of earthly intercourse deepen within each of them a lifelong penitence for the sins by which they have so often violated their own fellowship with Thee, that the sacrifice of Thy dear Son, wherein alone is our hope of atonement with Thee, may make them fear to forsake one another by entering into new obligations contrary to Thy law, even as they would fear to be forsaken of Thee; and may lead them to desire reconciliation here upon earth with a readiness to forgive sins, however great, that they may be found worthy of Thy forgiveness, and dwell with each other and with Thee in Thy kingdom; through the merits of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

266. *For those who are tempted to Marry contrary to God's Law.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast ordained the framework of society as the stay of our natural life, and hast also promised Thy grace to those who enter into matrimony sanctified by

Thy blessing, have mercy upon all who are tempted to marry without regard to those restrictions which Thou hast imposed for our welfare; [.] and grant that they may not seek the gratification of earthly love in such way as to forfeit Thy love, which is eternal, but may by Thy help restrain their natural desires, and find their reward in the fruition of Thy divine glory, in the communion of Thy saints; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. Amen.

267. *For those who are tempted to Dishonesty.*

O LORD GOD, pardon all who, from whatever cause, have fallen into habits of theft or of unlawful gain. Rescue, by Thy providence, all children who are being trained in such ways of sin. Recover, by Thy grace, all who through long-formed habit are tempted to dishonesty. Enlighten the consciences of those who, by the maxims of society, have been led into deceitful practices in their ordinary business. Bring to confession and restitution those who have taken away that which was their neighbour's. Compassionate those who are tempted by the necessities of life to any unlawful dealing; and, according to the riches of Thy love, relieve the distress by which the malice of the devil would draw them into sin. Grant unto our whole nation so to regulate all dealings by Thy truth, that hereafter we may enjoy Thee, Whose truth we have here endeavoured to execute; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

268. *For those who are Fraudulent in Business.*

O GOD of truth and love, Who hast ordained justice in the dealings of men as a type of Thine own inherent righteousness, have mercy upon all those who seek their own present gain by false dealing, and bring them back to the truth of Thy holy law, that they may rejoice in Thy love both now and for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

269. *For the Untruthful.*

BE merciful, O Lord, to all Thy people who are unwatchful in their daily conversation. Teach them to restrain their words, in the remembrance that Thou, Who knowest all things, hearest what they speak, and wilt call them to a strict account if they err from the truth; and grant that, reverencing the truth above all things, they may be perfected here in grace, according to the mysteries of Thy Truth, and may praise Thee hereafter according to the revelation of Thy Truth, with all Thy redeemed in Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

270. *For Persons given to Exaggeration.*

O GOD, Who hast given us in the faculty of speech a mysterious image of the Eternal Word of Thy Truth, pardon our manifold sins committed in the exercise of this gift, and grant that those who are tempted, by whatever motive, to exaggeration in what they say, may, by the control of Thy Holy Spirit, be kept within the

limits of reality, and, avoiding all empty boasting or ungrounded complaint, may ever be ready to acknowledge their own faults, and to recognise Thy goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

271. *For Idle Talkers.*

Ant. For every idle word that men speak, they shall give account in the day of judgment.

℣. Set a watch, O Lord, upon the door of my lips:

℟. *That I offend not with my tongue.*

PARDON, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the misuse of Thy most precious gift of speech, and check the hastiness of those who allow themselves in heedless talk, that they being careful to confess their own faults with penitence, and not to publish their neighbour's failings in malice or derision, may henceforward speak words of godliness, which shall turn to their justification in the great day, that they may be saved; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

272. *For the Meddlesome.*

O GOD, the Judge of all, teach us to do the work specially belonging to our calling. Forgive the waywardness with which we are so apt to turn aside from our own path of duty. Grant especially to those for whom our prayers are desired, that they may keep themselves from interfering in other men's concerns, and in simple

remembrance of the account which they must render unto Thee, may serve Thee without distraction; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

273. *For the Indolent.*

O GOD, Who hast created all our faculties of body and mind for the manifestation of Thy glory, enable us to show forth in all our actions the energy of Thy divine grace; and grant, we beseech Thee, that they who are inclined to neglect those talents which Thou hast given them [.] may, by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, be quickened diligently to accomplish the end of their creation, so that they fail not finally to attain the merciful promises vouchsafed to us in our redemption; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. Amen.

274. *For the Covetous.*

Ant. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

℣ The love of money is the root of all evil:

℟ *For covetousness is idolatry.*

O GOD ALMIGHTY, Who givest to all men liberally and upbraidest not; Quicken with Thy free Spirit those who are kept under the bondage of earthly care and avarice; that they, feeling their dependence upon Thee for all they need, and their accountableness to Thee for all they possess, may no longer seek to lay up for

themselves treasure upon the earth, but may distribute of Thy gifts to their brethren, if they have much, and may look to Thee daily to provide for their necessities, if they have little, giving Thee thanks for everything; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

275. *For those who think highly of themselves.*

O GOD, in Whose presence all things are vile, Thyself the only Author and Giver of good to all Thy creatures, have mercy upon those who by reason of any talents entrusted to them by Thee are apt to think highly of themselves or meanly of others. [. . . .] Bring them to a remembrance of the strict account which Thou wilt require of what Thou hast given, whether it be great or small, that with humility and thankfulness they may confess their own unworthiness and Thy goodness, and may so use Thy gifts vouchsafed to them in this world, that they may the more abundantly find favour in Thy sight in the great day of reward; through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer. **Amen.**

276. *For the Inconstant.*

O EVERLASTING GOD, whose unchanging will is the law of all creation, have mercy upon those who are drawn aside from a holy persistence in the works of their calling, whether by a restless spirit of dissatisfaction or a desire of novelty; [. . . .] and grant that they, resolving to carry out Thy will, may be indifferent to out-

ward circumstances, and stedfast in the execution of the charge committed to them; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

277. *For those who are in a False State of Peace.*

AWAKEN, O Lord, all those who are unconscious of their spiritual need; and grant them so to lay aside all habits inconsistent with Thy love, that they may persevere in Thy true service, and be accepted of Thee as faithful children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

278. *For those who draw back from God's Call.*

O GOD, merciful and gracious, Who callest us unto Thyself in manifold ways, according to the wisdom of Thy loving Providence, have mercy upon all those who are tempted to draw back from Thine invitation. [. . . .] Pardon their hesitation, and grant them such love to Thee, that they may not be ensnared by the fascination of the world; faith, that they may not be hindered by its terror; calmness, that they may not be deceived by its excitement; humility, that they may be unshaken by its praise; patience, that they may persevere amidst its opposition; hope, that they may press onward to obtain Thy promises; diligence, that they may overcome the infirmity of the flesh; wisdom, that they may clearly perceive what Thou wouldest have them to do; and strength, that they may carry out Thy holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

279. *For the Over-sensitive.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who knowest our manifold infirmities, pardon the weakness of our nature, which makes us so apt to cling to the opinions of men; and grant that they who are especially tempted by the desire of worldly respect and attention [.] may be drawn to rest with more calmness of faith in the satisfaction of Thy favour, so that they may be the less anxious for tokens of respect from others, and, seeking to abide in Thy love, may show Thy love ever working in themselves and all with whom they have to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

280. *For the Secular-minded.*

O LORD JESUS, Who in the weakness of poverty and reproach didst begin the work of our renewal, grant that Thy whole Church, being delivered from reliance upon earthly position, may yield herself cheerfully, amidst the varying accidents of this outer world, to the impulse of Thy holy will, content with what Thou dost appoint, and confident in the sufficiency of Thine indwelling power; and to those who are tempted by outward circumstances to regard the means which Thou hast given them with any undue consideration, give the fulness of Thy grace, that in poverty of spirit they may fly from the world, and, uniting themselves with singleness of heart to Thee, may find in Thee their Riches, their Strength, their Wisdom, their Joy,

their Hope, and their Reward; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

281. *Against Pride.*

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Pattern of all humility, Who, being very God, didst nevertheless for our sakes become obedient unto the death of the Cross; Take from us all pride of soul.

Have mercy upon any who, by the greatness of Thy gifts, are tempted to glory in that which is not their own, and to turn to their own shame, by forgetfulness of Thee, those things which Thou didst intend should be to their everlasting glory, by the remembrance of Thyself as the Giver. Have mercy, also, upon any who are tempted by pride to be fretful at not possessing what Thou in Thy wisdom and love hast seen it needful to withhold from them.

Have mercy upon us all, and enable us to realize our own nothingness, and the blessedness of being entirely dependent upon Thee; to Whom all riches, honour, and blessing rightfully belong, for Thou hast redeemed us unto God by Thine own blood.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: glory be to Thee in all Thy people for ever. Amen.

282. *Against Avarice.*

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who, being upon earth, hadst not where to lay Thy head;

Give us grace, forsaking all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches, to acknowledge that all which we can possess is entrusted to our stewardship by Thyself, the true and only Lord of all, and to distribute those things which Thou hast given us to Thy glory and the good of our brethren.

Pardon all who are specially tempted to be drawn into the snare of covetousness, and open their eyes to the deceitfulness of worldly goods, and incline their hearts unto Thy testimonies.

Have mercy upon us all, and grant that we may neither rejoice in riches if we have them, nor repine after them if we have them not, but may trust only in the riches of that salvation which Thou hast obtained for all those who are willing to share Thy poverty.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: glory be to Thee in all Thy people for ever. Amen.

283. *Against Gluttony.*

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who for our sakes didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence that our flesh may be subdued unto Thy Spirit. Enable us to hunger and thirst after righteousness, not seeking satisfaction in the pleasures of earthly appetite, but striving to set aside every indulgence which may check the pure longing of our souls after Thee our God.

Have mercy upon all those who are chiefly tempted to excess of food, whether by the abund-

ance of wealth, alluring them with its refinements, or by the hunger of poverty driving them to intoxication. Grant that the rich may learn to be content with their necessary food, and deliver the poor from the want of what is necessary, and from the sinful use of what is harmful.

Pardon us all for our forgetfulness of Thee while partaking of Thy bounty, and grant that we may eat our bread with singleness of heart, gladly communicating of our superfluity to those who have need, as we seek from Thee for ourselves the food of everlasting life.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: glory be to Thee in all Thy people for ever. Amen.

284. *Against Luxury.*

O LORD JESU CHRIST, the spotless Lamb of God, Who gavest Thyself for the sanctification and cleansing of Thy Church, that it might be unsullied by the world, have mercy upon us, who are weighed down by the infirmity of the flesh in this our mortal state.

Do Thou mercifully touch the hearts of those who wilfully allow themselves in any impurity or wantonness, and give to each of them such deliverance from the corrupt propensities of our nature, that in whomsoever they may have been aggravated by the indulgence of unlawful pleasure, the work of penitence may be graciously accepted, and the purity of Thy sanctifying love restored.

Have mercy upon us all, and grant that we

may serve Thee with chastity of body, and please Thee in purity of heart, and finally may be renewed after Thy perfect image, so as to follow Thee in the perfection of Thy heavenly kingdom.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: glory be to Thee in all Thy people for ever. Amen.

285. *Against Envy.*

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who wouldest have us take Thine own self-sacrificing love as the pattern of love to be fulfilled by us one towards another; make us to rejoice in the good of our neighbour as in our own.

Have mercy upon all who are led away by private and selfish interest from a proper exercise of sympathy and brotherly love. Pardon them, enlighten them, and turn their hearts.

Grant that in the pure desire of Thyself alone, Who art the joy and satisfaction of all, we may learn to make the advancement of others an occasion for exercising those sympathies of love which alone can enable us to rejoice in the communion of the saints, when Thou shalt be revealed in glory. So may we all be truly joined in one heart and one mind, as befits those who, in the unity of Thy mystical body, acknowledge Thee to be Head over all, their only Mediator and Redeemer.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: glory be to Thee in all Thy people for ever. Amen.

286. *Against Anger.*

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who wast silent in the midst of Thine enemies when they reviled Thee, content to suffer all things according to the will of Thy Father; Grant unto us the same spirit of patience, that we may restrain the fierceness of anger, and overcome evil with good, whensoever the occasions of doing so may arise.

Have mercy upon all who are specially tempted with irritability, and give them grace to excel in those dispositions which nature chiefly excites to evil.

Enable us to bear suffering and reproach at the hands of others as a means of more entire self-sacrifice to Thee, that we may both learn by Thy love to forgive others, and find Thy love manifested in our own forgiveness. Let Thy propitiation appease all strife. Give Thou rest unto our souls amidst the vexations of this transitory world, and bring us all hereafter to the rest which remaineth for Thy people in the embrace of Thy love.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: glory be to Thee in all Thy people for ever. Amen.

287. *Against Sloth.*

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who wast ever occupied about Thy Father's business; Grant that we may not be weary in well doing, but may exhibit, in active zeal and devotion, the operation of the Holy Spirit of Thy love, which Thou hast shed forth upon us.

Pardon all those who through natural constitution or want of lively faith are tempted to omit the duties of their calling, and rouse them to energy in the fulfilment of the twofold law of charity.

Pardon the weakness of our nature, ever ready to shrink from the hardness of Thy warfare. Let the Spirit of Thy holy fear urge us onward, lest we fall from Thee, and the Spirit of Thy wisdom allure us onward, that we may keep Thy glory in sight as the end of our vocation. Be Thou our unfailing strength. Open our eyes to the knowledge of our shortcomings, and grant us to be consumed with the fire of a never-tiring devotion, that we may shine in the glory of Thine inexhaustible strength.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: glory be to Thee in all Thy people for ever. Amen.

288. *For the Quickening of Zeal in Christians.*

O LORD our Saviour, Who hast warned us that Thou wilt require much of those to whom much is given; Grant that we whose lot Thou hast cast in ~~so goodly a~~ heritage may strive together the more abundantly by prayer, by almsgiving, and by every other appointed means, to extend to others what we ~~so richly~~ enjoy; and as we have entered into the labours of other men, so to labour that in their turn other men may enter into ours, to the fulfilling of Thy holy will and our own everlasting salvation. Amen.

"*H. S.*" *from the Manual of St. Augustine's, Canterbury.*

289. *For Singleheartedness.*

O BLESSED JESUS, our Lord and our God, quicken amongst Thy people an earnest love to Thyself, that we may avoid all such needless ties as would hinder our devotion to Thy work, or distract us from the simple endeavour in all things to please Thee. Reveal Thyself as the quickening strength of our energies, that we may work for none but Thee; the satisfying object of our affections, that we may look to none but Thee; the sustaining partner of our sympathies, that we may need none but Thee; the absorbing light of our understandings, that we may know none but Thee. O Jesu, pardon the coldness of our love to Thee, and grant that we may be dead to all else, and have no other principle of life but the simple love of Thee. Amen.

290. *For the Love of Poverty.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who didst make the condition of poverty holy by Thy birth, joyous by Thy life, and triumphant by Thy death; Grant us to delight therein by Thy grace, accepting it gladly if it be Thine appointment for us, and following Thee therein with a free will, if it be Thy pleasure to leave us free to make choice thereof, so that we may find the riches of Thy Divinity sanctifying the poverty of our flesh to the glory of Thy redeeming love, and the salvation of our brethren in the day of Thy kingdom. Amen.

291. *For a Spirit of Obedience.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who wast subject during Thine earthly life to the will of those whom Thou hadst Thyself created, grant unto us a spirit of obedience, that we may cheerfully accept the bidding of all superiors whom Thou hast set over us, as the expression of Thine own will, and in the submission of our own judgment to the tokens of Thy Providence, may find deliverance from that pride which is so apt to estrange us from Thy grace. Let not any thought of our own capacity make us dissatisfied with the position which Thou hast given us, but teach us to look for advancement in holiness by every occasion whereby Thou dost invite us to the practice of humility. So teach us to live with Thee, that we, never outstepping Thy commandment, may fulfil the duties of our own vocation in our proper order, and living as faithful members of Thy mystical Body, may be numbered with Thy saints, in whom Thou shalt be glorified when Thou comest in Thy kingdom. Amen.

292. *For Charity amongst Christians.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who hast commanded us to love one another; Put an end to the unhappy divisions of those who are called by Thy name. Come quickly and bind us together in the full revelation of Thy love, and let the love of Thine appearing be a principle of unity, to bind us even now while we wait for

Thee. Teach us to realize that the ordinances of Thy grace bind us to each other as well as unto Thee; and let us not so misuse the means of our salvation as to foster a spirit of division by what should be the channels of Thy love. Enable us to love one another in Thee and for Thee, until all our imperfections are done away, and we all shine forth in Thy light, and rejoice in the manifestation of Thy love. In Thy love let us triumph over all the differences of class, all the estrangements of race, all the prejudices of education, all the pride of heresy. In Thy love let us be humble; in Thy love let us be one; that in Thy love we may be exalted, and in Thy love we may be Thine for ever. Amen.

293. *For an entire Conversion.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, convert us unto Thyself with our whole heart, that upon our devotion Thou mayest increase to us those gifts which, in spite of our unworthiness, Thou hast bestowed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Leonine.*

294. *For the Manifestation of Christ in His People.*

O CHRIST, the only-begotten Son, very God of very God, Whom the Father delivered up for us all, that Thou mightest become for us an Oblation acceptable unto Himself, receive the desires of Thy people; preserve those whom

Thou hast redeemed; quicken those whom Thou hast delivered; leave not to perpetual lamentation those whom Thou camest to redeem from perpetual perdition; pierce our heart with the nails of Thy holy fear, that in this world we may obtain remission of sins, being crucified with Thee, and in the world to come may enter into everlasting joy, through Thee, Who wast crucified for all, our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen. *Mozarabic.*

THE MANUAL OF S. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S ASSOCIATION IN PRAYER, FOR INDIAN MISSIONS.

OBJECT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The object of this Association shall be to promote the work of Missions in India, especially in connection with the Mission Priests of S. John the Evangelist, at Cowley S. John.

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1.—Persons wishing to become Members of this Association must signify their intention to the Father Superior, Mission House, Cowley S. John, Oxford.

2.—All Members of the Association will repeat daily the two Collects printed on page 217 and 218 of the Manual.

3.—The wrapper of the Cowley Parish Magazine will from time to time contain reports of Mission work in India, and will be sent to all Associates upon prepayment of 2s. 6d. a year.

4.—Associates who may be able to collect money or gifts for any branch of Indian Mission work will have their Offering acknowledged in the wrapper.

5.—One meeting of Associates will be held at Cowley S. John, in the Octave of S. John a. p. L. (May 6), and another in London, in the Octave of All Saints' Day.

6.—It is desirable that Parochial Meetings for prayer and information should be held monthly or quarterly, if the Vicar approve, but not so as to interfere with the ordinary Missionary Meetings in each Parish.

WORK OF ASSOCIATES.

Associates may help in any of the following ways:—

1. By prayer.

All will be pledged to the use of two Collects daily.

(1.) For the Society of S. John the Evangelist.

(2.) For increase of Missions.

It is desirable that those who have opportunity should use, at least once in the week, either some Litany for Missions, or the Litany for India.

Special Psalms are also provided in the office for a Missionary Meeting, which may be also used in private according to opportunity, one or more.

From time to time special objects will be mentioned in the Cowley S. John Magazine for which prayers are desired.

Fasting should also be joined with prayer according to the capacity of individuals, after the example of the Christians of Antioch, when S. Paul and S. Barnabas were sent forth.

We should also make the work of Missions our special intention from time to time when receiving Holy Communion. Associates are expected to endeavour to do this on the first Sunday in each month.

2. By Alms.

Alms may be given for the general purposes of the Mission or for any special work.

e. g. Maintenance of a native child at School, and assistance for other Institutions.

The contribution of books for the College Library of S. J. E., especially Standard Theological works, and also books for circulation amongst English readers is very helpful.

Various objects will be specified from time to time as needing immediate help.

N.B.—It is earnestly hoped that no one will transfer to this Association the subscription which they already give to the S. P. G., or any good work: for our object is to increase the amount of charity, not merely to divert it into a new channel,—which would be more harm than gain.

3. By Needlework.

All kinds of Church needlework will always be serviceable, as there are many Mission Stations needing to be supplied.

Children's frocks and articles of wearing apparel may also be sent out as one very efficient way of helping the Mission, as they find a ready sale.

4. By circulating information.

It is a very important thing to arouse an interest in Mission work, and the lack of interest very generally arises from a lack of knowledge. All persons who do feel a lively interest in the spread of the Gospel ought to try and enlist the sympathies of others in the cause of Christ, by making known what are the needs, the difficulties and the encouragements which we meet with.

Try and get persons to attend Missionary Meetings.

Circulate Missionary Periodicals—The Mission Field—The Mission Life—The Net—our own occasional Papers.

Collect subscriptions if possible.

Especially try and get those who can give small sums weekly or monthly to do so.

5. By Personal Service.

Many persons might go out and do Mission work who simply never think of it as possible.

In India there is work for all.

The help of medical men is particularly valuable upon a Mission.

Some persons may have small means. Possibly if they were really ready to go, what is wanting might be supplied.

Some who are just leaving College or otherwise starting in life might give themselves up and be trained for Mission work in India or elsewhere, both men and women.

It is hoped that a Sisterhood will shortly be formed specially for India.

Parents ought to hold none back from so great a call of God. A son or a daughter is the noblest offering that any can give to God.

If all the Clergy of the Church of England were scattered over India they would be scarcely noticeable in that vast population. And yet people complain of the small results of Missions, when we have as yet sent out such a miserable handful of men!

6. By Training others.

Many might help—especially our larger Schools—but also many individual clergy—by training lads and young men with a definite view to going out as Missionaries.

Similarly some ladies might give an education to young women to fit them as Schoolmistresses, and for work among the women.

It should be remembered that the Mission work among the Hindoo women can only be done by women, as men have not admission into the Zenanas.

LITANY FOR THE CONVERSION OF INDIA.

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N.B.—The Litany may be shortened by takin only one or more of the suffrages from each section marked off by the black lines.

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O GOD the Father,
O Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O Thou who callest us to be Thine own children gathered out of all nations of the world in Him,

O Thou whose mercy is over all Thy works,

O Thou who desirest that those whom Thou hast created in Thine Image should walk in Thy Love,

O Thou who hast made of one blood all the nations of the Earth,

O Thou who hast revealed to us the overthrow of Satan's dominion in the world,

O Thou who hast shed forth the Spirit of Thy Son into our hearts that we may behold Thy glorious Light,

O Thou who requirest us to be holy, as Thou art Holy,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son,

O Thou who art the express Image of the Father's Person,

O Thou Word and Wisdom of God,

O Thou who didst dwell eternally in the Glory of the Father before the world was,

O Thou who art One with the Father,

O Thou by whom all things were created,

O Thou who hast taken the manhood into God,

O Thou who wast conceived by the Holy Ghost,

O Thou who wast born of the Virgin Mary,

O Thou who dying didst commend Thy Spirit into the Father's hands,

O Thou who by dying didst overthrow him that had the power of death,

O Thou who hast by Thy Resurrection raised our Manhood into the blessedness of an unchangeable life,

O Thou who by Thine Ascension hast exalted our Manhood into the participation of the Divine Glory,

O Thou who hast redeemed all Mankind from the power of Darkness,

O Thou who callest us by the Gift of the Holy Ghost to live upon the Earth in the fellowship of Thy Life and Glory,

O Thou in whom the Love of the Father is revealed,

O Thou who by the gift of the Holy Ghost dost call us into holiness,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost,

O Blessed Spirit proceeding from the Father and the Son,

O Thou who art the Bond of the Eternal Trinity,

O Thou who dost sanctify the material creation that it may be conformed to the Truth of the Divine purpose,

O Thou by whom the Son of God assumed our Nature that it should become the Temple of God,

O Thou by whose anointing His human acts were perfected in Divine merit,

O Thou by whom He offered Himself in our manhood without Spot to God,

O Thou by whose operation He raised Himself from the dead,

O Thou by whose continual Power He unites the Elect unto Himself in the Sacraments of Grace,

O Thou whose Presence is the law of living Power whereby we fallen creatures are renewed unto holiness,

O Father, Son and Holy Ghost, three Persons and one God,

Have mercy upon us.

From all unbelief,
From ignorance,
From disobedience,
From ingratitude,
From slothfulness,

Good Lord deliver us.

From covetousness,
From party Spirit,
From contempt of Thy Revelation,
From all want of love to our brethren,
From our unhappy divisions,
From ungodliness of life,
From the guilt of dishonouring Thy Name in the presence of the Heathen,
From cowardice in Setting forth Thy Truth as necessary to their Salvation,
From seeking earthly aggrandizement in forgetfulness of the Claims of Thy Kingdom.

By the Mystery of Thy Holy Incarnation,
By Thy Nativity,
By Thy Circumcision,
By Thy Baptism,
By Thine Agony,
By Thy Sufferings upon the Cross,
By the efficacy of Thine universal Redemption,
By the sufficiency of the Call of Thy Grace,
By Thy continual Intercession for Thine Elect,
By Thy Triumph on the Throne of God,
By Thy Gift of the Holy Ghost to Thine Apostles,

Good Lord, deliver us.

As Thy mercy is over all Thy works,

As Thou lovest all men whom Thou hast created,

As Thou hast compassion for the ignorant who are out of the way,

As Thou hast charged Thy Church to evangelize the world,

As Thou art ever ready to confirm the Word of those whom Thou dost send with manifold signs following,

Prosper our Missions in India.

That it may please Thee to revive the energies of Thine Apostolic Church,

That it may please Thee to awaken in us a zeal for Thy truth,

That it may please Thee to stimulate our endeavours with love for Thy Holy Name,

That it may please Thee to arouse us to obey Thy command,

That it may please Thee to encourage our drooping hearts in the fulfilment of Thy work,

That it may please Thee to raise us to the boldness of faith,

That it may please Thee to call many to the work of Missions,

That it may please Thee to bless all those who are obedient to Thy call,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless and prosper the work of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts,

That it may please Thee to guide and sanctify the Society of S. John the Evangelist in all that shall be undertaken,

That it may please Thee to bless all those who are engaged in the Mission work of Thy Church in every place,

That it may please Thee to sanctify those who preach to others, that their own souls may be saved in the day of Thine appearing,

That it may please Thee to lead us onward to such gifts of holiness that the virtue of Thy Holy Spirit may work mightily upon all with whom we have to do,

That it may please Thee to make us mighty to the pulling down of the strongholds of Satan,

That it may please Thee so to detach us from all earthly ties, that we may be ready with a glad heart to go whithersoever Thou sendest us,

That it may please Thee to grant us clearness of understanding that we may appreciate the difficulties of those who are looking towards the faith,

That it may please Thee to open our hearts in fulness of sympathy that we may lead those gently onward whose eyes Thou dost open to Thy Truth,

That it may please Thee to accept our imperfect self dedication and to sanctify us for Thy service,

That it may please Thee to fill us with rejoicing in whatsoever way we may be called to bear witness to Thy Truth, whether it be by life or by death,

That it may please Thee to give us Wisdom in self-discipline, that we may be enabled to bring others under the control of Thy Holy Law,

That it may please Thee to teach us to present ourselves a living Sacrifice by Thy grace unto the Father, that our life may be made fruitful in self-denial according to the abundance of Thy Power,

That it may please Thee to grant unto Thy Servants the gift of languages for making known Thy Truth,

That it may please Thee to bring Princes and all that are in authority to co-operate in such works as shall tend to the advancement of Thy Kingdom,

That it may please Thee to bless all those amongst the Heathen who have been helpers to Thy Church, and to bring them to the acceptance of Thy Revelation,

That it may please Thee to bring to nought the various organizations of error, by which souls are held in bondage,

That it may please Thee to open the eyes of the Hindoos to the acknowledgment of the Sovereignty of their Creator.

That it may please Thee to teach them the responsibility of life as Thy creatures,

That it may please Thee to draw them to recognize Thyself as the Incarnate Son of God,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord

That it may please Thee to lead their hopes onward to the perfect unity of the Divine Life which God hath given us in Thee,

That it may please Thee to reveal to them the Sanctity of the Body which Thou hast Created for Thy Service here, and joined unto Thyself in the hope of the Resurrection hereafter,

That it may please Thee to teach them the equality of all men in Thy Sight,

That it may please Thee to open their hearts to love and honour Thee in all Thy members,

That it may please Thee to purify them in Holy Baptism from the stains of Nature,

That it may please Thee to sanctify them with the Holy Ghost that they may live before Thee in grace,

That it may please these to bring those who are casting away their idolatry to accept the Faith of Thy Holy Church in all its fulness,

That it may please Thee to grant unto the Buddhists the true illumination of Thy heavenly Wisdom,

That it may please Thee to lead them from the fruitless expectation of nothingness, to rejoice rather in confessing that all things are created out of nothing by Thee,

That it may please Thee to make them to die unto the world by the power of the Holy Ghost,

That it may please Thee to gladden their hearts with the hope of joy at Thy Right Hand for evermore,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That it may please Thee to stablish them in the perception of spiritual realities, and to deliver them from all vain imaginations,

That it may please Thee to quicken them to holy endeavours in the consciousness of Thy Divine Love,

That it may please Thee to make them eschew the acts of the lower world that they may give themselves to the abiding energy of the Divine life,

That it may please Thee so to lead them in the Light of Thy Love that they may love Thee as the Wisdom of the Father,

That it may please Thee to have mercy upon the Mohammedans, and bring them to confess Thee as the Word consubstantial with the Father,

That it may please Thee to bring them to worship the Living unity of God in the power of the Divine Majesty,

That it may please Thee to reveal Thyself to them as the Lord of Glory manifest in the flesh,

That it may please Thee to call them into the number of Thine elect,

That it may please Thee to sanctify them with the grace of Thy sacraments,

That it may please Thee to mould their dispositions in conformity with Thy own gentleness and meekness,

That it may please Thee to purify them according to the requirements of the Heavenly life,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That it may please Thee to make Thy true light to shine upon the Parsees that they may be rescued from the darkness of the outward life,

That it may please Thee to reveal to them the Glory of God as a consuming Fire wherein all their natural vileness may be done away,

That it may please Thee to guide them by Thy grace and providence as Thou didst guide the wise men of old by the leading of a Star,

That it may please Thee to show them the necessity of living true to God in supernatural love as well as true to man in the dealings of this world,

That it may please Thee to bring those who now worship Devils in fear, to offer to Thee the Holy worship which is worthy of Thy redeeming love,

That it may please Thee to look with pity upon the daughters of affliction in India,

That it may please Thee to prosper all the endeavours which are being made to raise them out of their degradation,

That it may please Thee to bring our own countrymen to be one in the faith, that with one mouth we may proclaim Thy truth,

That it may please Thee to make them recognize the value of salvation,

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That it may please Thee to teach them the power of Thy grace, that they may praise Thee for having called them out from among the Heathen,

That it may please Thee to humble them with true repentance for past sins,

That it may please Thee to stir them to make some reparation for the sins committed against Thee in India in past years,

That it may please Thee to fill them with a consciousness that Thou seest them at all times,

That it may please Thee to show them the blessedness of being true to their faith,

That it may please Thee to convince them of the danger they are in if they fail of bearing witness to Thy truth,

That it may please Thee to give them liberal hearts to contribute of their substance to all good works,

That it may please Thee to make them energetic and persevering in their Christian enterprises,

That it may please Thee to pour out upon them the Spirit of Grace and Supplication, that they may pray for the Heathen among whom they dwell,

That it may please Thee to make them by Thy Grace to shine as lights in the world,

That it may please Thee to bring into the way of Truth those who are now ensnared in forms of error,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to reward those who have laboured for the Evangelization of India, even though they have been destitute of Thy perfect gifts in Thy Church,

That it may please Thee to lead onward all who are sincere in their devotion, that they may by Apostolic ordinances be perfected in Divine Life,

That it may please Thee to remove all prejudices whereby any may be held back from combining in the Mission Work which Thou entrusted to Thy Church,

That it may please Thee to call many to give themselves up to the Evangelization of India,

That it may please Thee greatly to increase the number of Bishops in that land,

That it may please Thee to call many Natives of that Country to the work of Thy Priesthood,

That it may please Thee to consecrate the Philosophy of that Country to the elucidation of Thy Heavenly mysteries,

That it may please Thee to bring many to live devoted to Thee in the Religious Vocation of Thy Church as in former times their fathers were devoted to the profitless torments of false worship,

That it may please Thee to raise up men and women in that land who shall revive the examples of primitive piety,

That it may please Thee to glorify Thy own Name by building up there a Church in which purity of Truth shall be united with fervent love,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bring Thy People from all Nations in the Unity of the faith to the Glory of Thy perfected Kingdom,

That it may please Thee to hasten the day of Thine appearing,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us!
Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us!
O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the world,
Grant us Thy peace.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the Sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us!
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

Our Father, &c.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, Who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that

every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live: Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word; and so fetch them home, Blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Grace of our Lord, &c.

COLLECTS RELATIVE TO MISSIONS.

For the Society of the Evangelist Fathers, Cowley S. John.

O GOD, Who didst cause Thy blessed Evangelist S. John so eminently to receive the love of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, grant unto Thy servants, the Mission Priests of S. John the Evangelist, that they may evermore abide in that love and accomplish Thy holy will. Watch over this Society for good, give Thine elect Angels charge concerning them, and make Thy

Holy Spirit to rule their hearts, that their lives may be holy, their prayers acceptable, their wants supplied, their words directed, and their work prospered to the glory of Thy Holy Name, through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, cause the witness of Thy Truth to be set forth by the establishment of Mission works in many places [*especially*], that our fellow-countrymen who have relapsed may be brought back to the faith, and the heathen who know Thee not may be made partakers of Thy grace; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

OFFICE FOR USE AT A PAROCHIAL MISSIONARY MEETING.

N.B. *The Three Divisions which form this Office may all be used together, or any one of them alone, according to convenience and discretion of the reader.*

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IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

℣. O God, make speed to save us.

℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.

℣. Glory be, &c.

℟. As it was, &c.

Alleluia.

Here shall follow a Missionary Hymn.

First Division.

I.

Antiphon. Desire of Me and I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine Inheritance: and the utmost parts of the earth for Thy possession.

Psalm ii.

„ xix.

„ xxiv.

All repeat the Antiphon.

II.

Ant. Be still then, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

Psalm xlv.
„ xlvi.
„ xlvii.

All repeat the Antiphon.

III.

Ant. Set up Thyself, O God, above the heavens: and Thy glory above all the earth.

Psalm lvii.
„ lxv.
„ lxvii.

All repeat the Antiphon.

℣. Let Thy Hand be upon the Man of Thy Right Hand.

℟. And upon the Son of Man Whom Thou madest so strong for Thine own Self.

LESSON I.

Genesis xxii. 9.

And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

And the angel of the Lord called unto him

out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.

And the Angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

That in blessing, I will bless thee, and in multiplying, I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

℣. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.

℟. *All repeat this Versicle*—I will lift, &c.

℣. The mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it.

℟. From thence cometh my help.

Lesson II.

Isaiah lii. 7.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.

Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord.

For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the Lord will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rereward.

Behold, my servent shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

As many were astonied at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

So shall he sprinkle many nations: the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

℣. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. The earth shall be full of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

℟. *All repeat this Versicle*—The earth, &c.

℣. I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh.

℟. As the waters cover the sea.

LESSON III.

S. Matthew xxviii. 16.

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

℣. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
℟. Thanks be to God.
℣. He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the Throne of God and of the Lamb.
℟. *All repeat this Versicle*—He showed me, &c.
℣. Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
℟. The river of water of life proceedeth out of the Throne of God and of the Lamb,
℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
℟. The river of water of life proceedeth out of the Throne of God and of the Lamb.

Second Division.

I.

Antiphon. The Lord gave the word: great was the company of the preachers.

Psalm lxviii.
,, lxxii.
,, lxxvi.

All repeat the Antiphon.

II.

Ant. The Lord is King; the earth may be glad thereof: yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

Psalm lxxix.
,, xcvi.
,, xcvii.

All repeat the Antiphon.

III.

Ant. With righteousness shall He judge the world: and the people with equity.

Psalm xcviii.
„ xcix.
„ c.

℣. When Thou lettest Thy Breath go forth they shall be made.

℟. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

All repeat the Antiphon.

Lesson I.

Daniel vii. 9.

I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

I saw in the visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

℣. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. This Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations.

℟. *All repeat this Versicle*—This Gospel, &c.

℣. The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

℟. For a witness unto all nations.

LESSON II.

Zechariah ix. 9.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen; and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.

.As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water. .

Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to-day do I declare that I will render double unto thee;

When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.

And the Lord shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

The Lord of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar.

And the Lord their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.

For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.

℣. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. God hath chosen the weak things of this world to confound the mighty.

℟. *All repeat this Versicle*—God hath, &c.

℣. If My kingdom were of this world, then would My servants fight.

℟. To confound the mighty.

Lesson III.

Revelation xi. 13.

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

℣. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. Fear not, little flock: it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

℟. *All repeat this Versicle*—Fear not, &c.

℣. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for their's is the kingdom of Heaven.

℟. It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

℟. It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Third Division.

I.

Antiphon. The heathen shall fear Thy Name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth Thy Majesty.

Psalm cii.
„ cviii.
„ cx.

All repeat the Antiphon.

II.

Ant. The Lord's Name is praised: from the rising up of the sun until the going down of the same.

Psalm cxiii.
„ cxxvi.
„ cxxviii.

All repeat the Antiphon.

III.

Ant. All the kings of the earth shall praise Thee, O Lord: for they have heard the words of Thy Mouth.

Psalm cxxxviii.
,, cxlix.
,, cl.

All repeat the Antiphon.

℟. All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship Thee, O Lord:
℣. And shall glorify Thy Name.

Lesson I.

Isaiah xlix. 5.

And now, saith the Lord that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord, and my God shall be my strength.

And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the Lord that is faith-

ful, *and* the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;

That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places.

They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted.

Behold, these shall come from far; and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

℣. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. In every place incense shall be offered unto My Name, and a pure offering: for My Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of Hosts.

℟. *All repeat this Versicle*—In every, &c.

℣. And I will also take of them for Priests and for Levites

℟. My Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of Hosts.

Lesson II.

Romans x. 4.

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into Heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

How then shall they call on him in whom

they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher.

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report.

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

℣. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. Other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring and they shall hear My Voice: and there shall be one flock and one Shepherd.

℟. *All repeat this Versicle*—Other sheep, &c.

℣. Every one that is of the Truth heareth My Voice.

℟. Them also I must bring and they shall hear My Voice, and there shall be one flock and one Shepherd.

Lesson III.

S. John xii. 20.

And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:

The same came therefore to Philip, which

was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour; but for this cause came I unto this hour.

Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

℣. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℟. Thanks be to God.

Te Deum.

I believe, &c.

℟. The Lord be with you.

℣. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Our Father, &c.

O GOD, Restorer and Governor of mankind, we beseech Thee to grant that Thy Church may continually be increased by the gathering in of new children to Thee, and perfected by the increasing devotion to those who have been regenerated; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall follow any of the Missionary Collects printed hereafter.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

MISSIONARY HYMNS.

1.

God of mercy, God of Grace,
Show the brightness of Thy Face;
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
Fill Thy Church with light divine;
And Thy saving health extend
Unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise Thee, Lord;
Let Thy love on all be poured;
Let the nations shout and sing
Glory to their Saviour King;
At Thy Feet their tribute pay,
And Thy holy Will obey.

Let the people praise Thee, Lord;
Earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to man His blessing give,
Man to God devoted live;
All below, and all above,
One in joy, and light, and love. **Amen.**

2.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.

He shall come down like showers
 Upon the fruitful earth,
And joy and hope, like flowers,
 Spring in His path to birth:
Before Him on the mountains
 Shall Peace, the herald, go;
From hill to vale the fountains
 Of Righteousness o'erflow.

Kings shall bow down before Him,
 And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him,
 His praise all people sing;
To Him shall prayer unceasing,
 And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing
 A kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
 He on His throne shall rest;
From age to age more glorious,
 All-blessing and all-blessed:
The tide of time shall never
 His covenant remove;
His Name shall stand for ever,
 His changeless Name of love. Amen.

3.

From Greenland's icy mountains,
 From India's coral strand,
Where Afric's sunny fountains
 Roll down their golden sand,

From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain.

What though the spicy breezes
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle,
Though every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile;
In vain with lavish kindness
The gifts of God are strown,
The heathen in his blindness
Bows down to wood and stone.

Can we whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Can we to men benighted
The lamp of life deny?
Salvation! oh, Salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim,
Till each remotest nation
Has learnt Messiah's Name.

Waft, waft, ye winds His story,
And you, ye waters, roll,
Till like a sea of glory
It spreads from pole to pole;
Till o'er our ransomed nature
The Lamb for sinners slain,
Redeemer, King, Creator,
In bliss returns to reign.

Amen.

4.

O Jesu Lord, enthroned on high,
To Thee the suppliant nations cry:
In Satan's bondage now they groan,
But seek salvation from Thy Throne.

'Tis Thine, in promised Strife to tread
With vengeance on the Serpent's head:
On Thee the eternal gifts shall rest:
In Thee the nations all are blest.

'Tis Thine, as David's Son and Lord,
To reign in peace by all adored.
Thou, Virgin born, in toil didst live,
Thou, Very God, new life dost give

'Tis Thine in Pentecostal love
To shed Thy Spirit from above:
'Tis Thine, still mindful of our need,
The merits of Thy Cross to plead.

O grant us by Thy Spirit's might
To gird our loins for constant fight,
Fresh triumphs of Thy Cross to find,
Beat Satan down, and free mankind.

Inspire our lips, at Thy command,
Thy Life to breathe through every land:
Give zeal and strength, through every race,
To spread the glory of Thy grace.

Prosper our work, direct our way,
And speed Redemption's glorious day,
That we at last, when sin shall cease,
May gain the vision of Thy Peace.

All praise to Thee, our Saviour King:
To Him who sent Thee, praise we bring:
And praise to Him, the Breath Divine,
Who comes from Thee to make us Thine.
Amen.

5.

Thou who didst send Thine Angels forth
With hosts of sin to strive:
Thou who didst send Thine Only Son,
That we through Him might live.

Teach us to magnify the Love
Which Thou to us hast shown:
And praise Thee for the Spirit's gift,
Whose ministry we own.

O let that Flame of Life Divine
Our lips, our lives, inspire,
Till Thine elect shall all rejoice
In this baptismal Fire.

Send forth Thy Word through every land
In quick'ning power to move:
And suffer not our sins to mar
The triumph of Thy Love.

Complete the number of Thy Saints
That every tongue may raise
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The perfect chant of praise.
Amen.

MISSIONARY COLLECTS.

For the Peace of the World.

O LORD, we pray Thee to subdue the evil passions of mankind, and grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Bishops.

O GOD, Who rulest over Thy people with fatherly love, give the spirit of wisdom to all who have received from Thee the authority of government, that the welfare of Thy holy sheep may turn to the everlasting joy of their pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Sanctification of the Clergy.

O LORD, Who delightest to effect by grace what the weakness of our nature cannot attain, illuminate the stewards of Thy mysteries with Thy indwelling purity, that in the work of the ministry their word may go forth as fire to purify the unclean, to enlighten the ignorant, and to quicken the dead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Priests sinking under a sense of Loneliness.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that those who are removed from visible communion with their brethren, remembering the invisible fellowship of Thy saints who worship together with them around the altar of the Great High Priest, and keeping themselves as befits Thy holy Temple, may have the eye of their understanding enlightened to contemplate Thine ineffable glory, the source of purity and strength to all Thy worshippers, the hope of our pilgrimage, and the joy of our everlasting Home: so that, being comforted of Thee, they may be enabled to comfort others also in every tribulation, and may bring their flocks to take part in the general assembly of Thy redeemed; through the merits and mediation of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the increase of the Society of S. John the Evangelist.

GRANT, O Lord, we pray Thee, to the Society of S. John the Evangelist such an increase of numbers as shall best enable Thy Servants to accomplish Thy holy will, and whether they be many or few, grant that Thy Word may have free course amongst them, and may be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

WE praise Thee, most gracious God, for causing the light of the Sun of Righteousness to shine upon us. Give us grace always to acknowledge this inestimable benefit by walking as children of the light, and compassionating those who are still in darkness. Prosper, we humbly beseech Thee, the undertakings of that Society which has been established for propagating the Gospel in foreign parts. Make the members thereof zealous and diligent in that good work. Give them wisdom to do it rightly, courage to persevere in it undauntedly, and grace to carry it on successfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Heathen.

O GOD of all the nations of the earth, remember the multitudes of the heathen who, though created in Thine image, are perishing in their ignorance, and according to the propitiation of Thy Son Jesus Christ, grant that by the prayers and labours of Thy holy Church they may be delivered from all superstition and unbelief, and brought to worship Thee; through Him Whom Thou hast sent to be our Salvation, the Resurrection and the Life of all the faithful, the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Unbaptized.

HAVE mercy, Thou God and Father of all, upon those who have not been admitted within Thy covenant of grace. Draw them by

Thy Love, that they may seek the Water of Life. Give them boldness, that they may not be kept from Thee by any fear of man, or prejudice of the natural heart, but, yielding themselves up to Thy command, may escape the corruption which is in the world through lust, and be admitted to the participation of Thy Divine Nature, as Thine elect children; through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

For Catechumens.

O LORD, the Creator of all, the Fountain of living Water, Who by the laver of Baptism dost put away the sins of those to whom Thou hast given grace, by the faith of the resurrection, to confess Thee without fear of man; fill these Thy servants so fully with Thy Holy Spirit that Christ, being formed in their hearts, may be revealed within them as their life and joy. Hear us, O merciful Father, through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Heathen Chiefs friendly to the Church.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, giver of all good things; Protect, we beseech Thee, Thy servant, [. . ,] his family, and descendants; remember him, O Lord, for good, for the kindness which he has shown to Thy Church; grant him a long continuance in health and well-being, preservation from evil and danger, children to many generations as the inheritors of his dignity, and above all, grant that he and

they may have that peace which passeth understanding, by a possession of the knowledge of Thy truth in this world, and of life everlasting in that which is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For those who are Destitute of the Means of Grace, in our Colonies and elsewhere.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, show pity on our brethren who are perishing for lack of opportunities of grace. Pardon them if, through desire of gain, they have unnecessarily forsaken the privileges of Thy Church; and grant that faithful priests, ministering to Thine inheritance, may train the young, instruct the ignorant, tend the sick, win the hardened, reconcile the penitent, and perfect Thy saints to the glory of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Enemies and Revilers of the Church.

O CHRIST, the Son of God, Who didst bear the revilings of unbelieving men when they carried Thee away to judgment; Hear our prayer, and show Thy power, we beseech Thee, towards the enemies of Thy Church, that they who persecute Thee daily in Thy members, being converted to the mystery of the faith, may gratefully acknowledge along with us that Thou wast delivered for the ungodly, and that the ungodly attain to righteousness by the glory of Thy Passion, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

For the Quickening of Zeal in Christians.

O LORD our Saviour, Who hast warned us that Thou wilt require much of those to whom much is given; Grant that we whose lot Thou hast cast in so goodly a heritage may strive together the more abundantly by prayer, by almsgiving, and by every other appointed means, to extend to others what we so richly enjoy; and as we have entered into the labours of other men, so to labour that in their turn other men may enter into ours, to the fulfilling of Thy holy will and our own everlasting salvation. Amen.

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